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Philadelphia and San Francisco Mints

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January 2, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

There has been deposited to your credit by CD-7973 dated December 5, 1918, the sum of $380.60 on account of stamped envelope dies for Post Office Department.

Your appropriations have been credited in the following sums:

Cont. Expense Mint at Philadelphia	1918	$ 2.20
" " " " "	1919	36.40
Wages of Workmen, Mint at "	1918	18.00
" " " " " "	1919	324.00
Total		$380.60

This item should appear in your accounts for the December quarter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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January 2, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Comparing the aggregate of the figures of daily coinage deliveries reported on the cashier's statement of balances, Form 231-A, during December, with the report of coinage Form 246, I find the following differences:

	Form 246	Form 231-A
Quarters	583,000	600,000
Dimes	665,000	648,000
Nickels	249,050	249,590
Cents	342,490	341,950

Please inform me which figures are correct and if the transpositions have been made on Form 231-A furnish a corrected copy of the day in which the error may have occured so that the change may be noted on our records.

If the coinage report is incorrect it will be necessary to furnish a corrected copy for December and also for the calendar year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 2, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning voucher in favor of the Novelty Electric Company for the sum of $146.80, which voucher accompanied your letter of Dec. 31, 1918.

Attention is invited to the changes in the original figures, with request for information as to whether the changes were made by the payee or made in the mint; if made in the mint they should have been made by notations in the marginal column, instead of by changing the dealer"s figures and thus virtually nullifying his certificate of correctness. The proper method of making corrections on vouchers has been brought to the attention of the mint several times but probably has escaped the attention of the person handling this work.

Please note on the voucher the date of rendition of bill in order to establish right to the discount offered for payment within ten days. This is necessary as final delivery on the orderwas evidently made in August last.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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January 3, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to invite attention to the delay in answering correspondence concerning the accounts, with particular reference in this instance to letter of December 12th, 1918.

The accounts are due in the Auditor's office sixty days after their receipt at the Bureau, and the penalty provided by law for failure to receive them in the Auditor's office is a refusal of further advances under your appropriations.

It is requested that more prompt answers be made to such correspondence in future, and that the matters referred to in the letter of December 12th be given immediate consideration.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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January 6, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Bureau, an invoice covering 50 ounces of proof gold and 100 ounces of proof silver for the United States Assay Office at New York.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 6, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 8 samples of crude bullion and would thank you to have duplicate assays for gold and base metal made on each sample and report the results to this office. I would also thank you to return the cornets and base beads in the envelope containing the corresponding samples and to state the composition of the proofs and the amount of lead used in each case and to give the proof figures.

These bullions are approximately 170 fine in gold and 455 fine in silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

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January 6, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding three lists of dies received from the Mint at San Francisco, one list apparently comprising all the dies, another list being of those condemned and the third of those retained for use in the future. These lists are for your use in completing records of dies.

Please advise me if you have received similar information from the Mint at Denver as but one copy of the Denver die report has been received in this Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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January 9, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Confirming telephone communication of this date, I beg to state that your letter of December 28th to which you referred, was duly received.

The inquiry made by you has been transmitted to the Colombian Minister and as soon as this Bureau is advised of his wishes in regard to the examination of the one-half and the one-quarter Condor dies, you will be informed.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 9, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning Rand-McNally voucher for $9.00 and the McGraw-Hill voucher for $3.00, forwarded with your letter of the 4th instant. They are accompanied by the authority of the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for payment of subscription in advance. Copy of such authority should accompany each voucher.

Respectfully,

M. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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January 11, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to Auditor's settlement #68734, dated October 11, 1918, in favor of the Massillon Stone & Fire Brick Co., I have to advise that upon appeal of this office, the Comptroller of the Treasury has directed that the balance due that company on this settlement, $308.43, be reimbursed to your 1918 Contingent Appropriation and charged (properly) to your 1917 appropriation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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January 13, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries.....	$ 5,000
Wages of workmen.....	60,000
Contingent expense.....	15,000
Increased compensation.....	5,000

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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January 15, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 11th, relative to coinage for Salvador. This letter will be authority for you to proceed to manufacture the coins in accordance with the terms of your letter of December 14, 1918.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 13, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In response to your request for authority to subscribe for Boyds City & Business Directory for 1919, I beg to advise that you are authorized to purchase same in the same manner as heretofore.

Respectfully,

M. McRae

Acting Director of the Mint.

B-L

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January 14, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau has been advised by the Publicity Department of the Liberty Loan Section of the Secretary's Office, that the following is the composition of the metal in the captured German guns, which is being considered to be used in the manufacture of medals:

Carbon	.40	to	.44
Manganese	.28	"	.38
Silicon	.139	"	.199
Sulphur	.025	"	.038
Phosphorous	.017	"	.022
Nickel	2.87	"	3.
Chronium	1.28	"	1.29

The Director will call you on the phone tomorrow morning, probably late in the morning, for a conference with you as to the possibility of your melting and passing through the coin presses a medal of the composition herein described.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 15, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please forward to the Bureau a report of Treasury silver dollars received each day that such dollars reach you, also send to the Bureau a report showing the unmelted balances of Treasury silver dollars on hand at the close of business Wednesday and Saturday of each week.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

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January 15, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date relative to blank discs you are preparing for the Argentine Government, I beg to advise that the Charge d'Affaires has today informed the Bureau that he has cabled to his government for shipping instructions and other directions relative to the blanks. As soon as this information is received in the Bureau it will be forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Actg Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 15, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Bureau has been advised by the Bureau of Insular Affairs, that alternating current, 220 voltage, is available at Manila to be used in connection with the mint machinery you are now preparing.

The Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs has cabled to Manila for instructions relative to your other inquiries, and as soon as the Bureau receives the information you are seeking it will be transmitted to you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 17, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward to the Mint at Denver the following dies:

15 obverse quarter dollar
15 " nickel 5 cent
15 " bronze 1 "
10 reverse do

Respectfully,

[illegible]
Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 17, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of January 15th, I beg to state that the postal guide and monthly supplements can be purchase from the J. B. Lyon Company, Albany, New York.

Respectfully,

R. W. Raff
Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 20, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Federal Reserve Board has requested data, for publication in the Federal Reserve Bulletin, concerning quarterly mint receipts of gold. It is therefore requested that in future form #61 be prepared promptly after the end of each quarter and forwarded so as to reach this office by the middle of the month following the close of the quarter.

Your report on form 61 for the quarter ended December 1918, has not been received. Please forward same as soon as practicable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 18, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In order that the annual cost reports may be rendered on a more adequately comparable basis, there is being forwarded for your information a sheet showing in readily comparable form some of the data carried in the reports for the fiscal year 1918.

Comparison of the first three items will quickly convince that unless the reported figures are approximately reconciled with money accounts, considerable doubt will come into the mind of anyone interested, as to the degree of reliance to be placed on them. It is not essential, for this purpose, that absolute reconciliation be had, but it should be possible for operative cost figures to approach agreement with money figures. It is therefore directed that in future, under division #1 of the form in which the cost data is now reported, there be added such items as are required to approximately reconcile the cost data totals with the costs shown by money accounts; except that items properly reportable in one of the other divisions will be placed thereunder rather than under division #1. One of the items which it is necessary to consider is increase or decrease of supplies. An item included under total money costs carried on page 138 of the Director's Annual Report for 1918, (referred to on enclosure) which may be disregarded in this connection - because unknown to the institutions - is the cost of transporting bullion between the institutions.

Study of the data relative to deposits indicates either radically different methods of operation or radically different methods of recording facts; e.g.:- the data reported for 1918 shows approximate average number of assays per deposit - at Philadelphia 2½, at San Francisco 5, at Denver 3 and at New York 9. Information concerning the practice at each institution is requested.

Philadelphia reports very low unit costs on receiving and melting deposits, evidently due, in the case of melting, to computation on the basis of having melted as

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deposits, all fine silver received; such melting is not presumed to have occurred, and if not, the method of computation should be discontinued.

The costs per thousand gross ounces of melting deposits, and per thousand fine ounces of producing fine gold and silver, vary considerably, and analysis is requested of the items of expense charged thereto: - e.g. which officers and employees (by title or rating); whether repairs and replacements of furnaces, etc. are charged; etc., etc.

The cost per assay at the Denver Mint apparently should be $0.304 instead of $0.255 as carried on cost report.

The coinage costs per thousand pieces reported by the Denver Mint are considerably lower than those reported by the other mints, and analysis of the items entering into coinage costs, from each institution, is requested. Such analysis should be similar to that requested for costs of melting deposits and producing fine gold and silver. These analyses should enable adoption by the various institutions of the same basis for reporting cost data.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

Cost Report Data -- 1918

Items		Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	New York
Total costs, per annual report (p. 138)		$ 996,178	$ 437,445	$ 303,087	$ 347,913
" " accounted for on cost reports		625,452	414,226	254,614	299,165
Costs unaccounted for on cost reports		370,726	23,219	48,473	48,748
Deposits received, per cost reports	gross oz.	25,028,602	11,385,634	7,604,454	23,215,703
	number	20,757	14,934	8,675	16,429
Deposit assays made, per cost repts. - number		50,804	74,795	24,062	142,084
Cost of receiving, etc., 1000 deposits - dollars		396	986	1,005	801
" " melting 1000 deposits - dollars		573	1,260	1,712	1,549
" " " deposits, per 1000 gross ozs. - dollars		0.49	4.496	2.91	1.251
Cost of producing fine gold and silver, per 1000 fine ounces - dollars		---	13,881	17.55	25.90

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January 20, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith 26.50 ounces of silver reduced from chloride, for which I would thank you to return an equivalent in granulated silver for parting.

There are also enclosed 34.8 grams of cornets for which I would thank you to return an equivalent in proof gold in strips.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
D-L

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January 23, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith B/L covering the shipment to you of the Typewriting Machine you were good enough to send to the Bureau.

Will you please have the machine changed for one with elite type, and without the tabulator. I should also appreciate having a "rust-proof" machine if it is convenient to procure the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 24, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Company for transportation of plaster casts to Washington July 19, 1918, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your current Contingent Appropriation in the sum of 42¢.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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January 28, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 25th., I beg to confirm telephone communication of even date in which I stated that it did not seem expedient to undertake overtime for the purpose of accumulating domestic coinage at this time.

The Sub-Treasuries are well stocked with all denominations of coin. If we find that the stocks are being depleted seriously, overtime on account of our domestic coinage can be undertaken during the latter months of the fiscal year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

In your report of assays of crude bullion of 1/13/19 #8 is given as 172.6 and 172.6 in gold:- I would thank you to verify these figures.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

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January 28, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Following is an extract from a communication dated January 17, 1919, received from the Bureau of Mines of the Interior Department.

"You are respectfully informed that Congress has imposed on the Bureau of Mines the duty of analyzing coal belonging to or for the use of the Government and that such analyses and reports thereof will be made without charge. The Bureau is prepared to perform the same services in this connection as before the war in the matter of furnishing advice and assistance; in the preparation of specifications; in the selection of coals; and on other problems involving the economical and efficient utilization of fuels.

Containers for forwarding samples will be sent upon request."

When proposals are invited for the furnishing of coal for the fiscal year beginning July 1st next, the specifications should call for analysis by the Bureau of Mines of the deliveries as in years past. Printed specifications will be furnished upon request to this office, stating the number of copies you desire. In the mean time if you desire analysis of samples of the coals being used prior to July 1st next, for use in considering those offered at the regular contracting period and for other purposes, such analyses will be furnished upon your request.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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January 29, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward to the Mint at San Francisco twenty obverse one cent dies, ten reverse quarter dollar dies and twenty pair dime dies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 30, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 28th enclosing granulated silver and proof strip gold, in exchange for the 26.50 ounces of silver sent from the Bureau and thank you for your courtesy.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 31, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Herewith I am forwarding four vouchers of Wells Fargo & Co. Express for transportation of minor coin in amounts $142.05, $112.37, $1,353.05 and $1,982.52, payable from the profits of manufacture of minor coin. Vouchers are numbered A-10-142, A-10-149, 8-32A and A-10-157.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

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February 1, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Will you please forward to Honorable John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department, one bronze medal of President Washington and one bronze medal of President Wilson, and send your accounts with the same?

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 3, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith an order forwarded by the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco for parts for Automatic Weighing Machine.

Please place this order in line for fulfillment at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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COPY SENT TO ALL INSTITUTION

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of circular of February 1, 1919, bearing on the circular issued October 2, 1918, which refers to circular #56 of December 9, 1912.

Copies of the circulars of October 2, 1918 and December 9, 1912, are enclosed for your convenience fearing you might have mislaid your original copies.

Please read carefully these circulars in regard to leave of absence.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encls.

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February 4, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I enclose silver bar weighing 141. ounces, resulting from the melting of special assay coin scrap for the second half 1918. I would thank you to forward the usual memo of its value so that it may be distributed among the mints.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
D-D

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February 4, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your recent estimate of the number of silver dollars you would have ready for S/S due to sail February 22nd, I beg to advise you that the Bureau is now in receipt of a letter from the Secretary's office stating that the British Ministry of Shipping has requested that we arrange to have silver delivered on board the steamer not later than February 17th.

In order to comply with this request it would be necessary for us to receive report as to the weights not later than February 10th, in order that silver may be delivered by you on February 11th.

The Bureau had promised the Secretary's office that you would have six million dollars ready for export on the 22nd, and it is now understood that you are not to be required to meet that estimate.

Please advise me by telephone, upon receipt of this letter, of the number of silver dollars, the weight of which it will be convenient for you to report on February 10th, for shipment out of your Mint on February 11th.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 8, 1919.

Mr. F. H. Chaffin, Chief Clerk,
United States Mint Philadelphia,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Chaffin:-

We do not seem to have any record of the matter represented by the enclosed bill, although about two years ago we paid a bill of Leet Bros. amounting to $6.50 for enlarging and mounting prints.

Will you please let me have detailed information concerning this with indication as to whether the amount is properly chargeable against this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

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February 8, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries ----------	$ 6,000
Wages of workmen ----------	50,000
Contingent expense ----------	20,000
Increased compensation ----	6,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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February 8, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In response to your telephone request I am enclosing herewith the letter forwarded in yours of January 9th, relative to a package containing Medals and French War Decorations, which has reached your Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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February 8, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have today wired Mr. Arthur J. Jones of 601 West 185th Street, New York City, that you will be authorized to allow him and his party to be shown through the Mint.

Will you please use your discretion in this matter and show Mr. Jones and his students of the Browning School of New York, those departments of the Mint that you deem it possible to open to them for inspection.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 10, 1919.

Superintendent
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 8th advising of the shipment of a gold medal of Hon. Wm. G. McAdoo, which has been received.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 11th, you are authorized to accept the bid of Balbach Smelting & Refining Company, being the highest, for Melting & Refining Department sweeps, containing 13.049 fine ounces of gold and 3,362.32 fine ounces of silver.

Respectfully,

Thos Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Bureau, an invoice covering 10 ounces of proof gold for the Assay Office at Helena.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Herewith I am returning, for signature of the store keeper or other proper person to certificate of receipt of goods, etc., the voucher in favor of Miller, Bain and Beyer Co. for $1,574.10, forwarded with your letter of the 8th instant.

Respectfully,

Pm. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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February 15, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith copies of letters forwarded today to the Treasurer of the United States, requesting the transfer of the balances due to the San Francisco Mint and the Denver Mint, on account of special assay coins forwarded during the latter half of the calendar year 1918.

Respectfully,

M. McCarthy

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encls.
O-L

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February 13, 1919.

The Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

This letter will be authority for you to proceed with the execution of the coinage desired by the Venezuelan Government at the date you find it practicable to take up the work.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter sent by the Secretary to the Secretary of State covering this coinage.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 18, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please advise me as to the weight of the silver dollars received from the Treasury for melting during the quarter's ended September 30th and December 31, 1918, for insertion on Form 61, under the heading "Redeposits (transfers) - domestic coin from Treasury and Sub-Treasury."

Please enter such coin under the heading indicated, on Form 61 rendered for future quarters.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

W.L

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February 15, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith letter from Mrs. Richardson of 6205 Virginia Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. Will you please ask the Curator to make reply to the writer of the letter, as to whether or not the piece described has any special value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The British Government among other inquiries, asks for the following:-

"Were any medals struck at the Mint or Mints during 1918? If so, give particulars as to numbers, metals, etc."

I would be pleased to have you prepare the above information and forward it to me as early as convenient.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint,

AAH-RL

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February 18, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of inquiry of the 17th inst. regarding the non receipt of Time Cards, which I presume you have reference to Form #1007, which was not stated in your communication, I would state that our records show that on September 9th 5,400 of these cards were shipped to your address and 10,600 copies were mailed to your mint October 15.

Please advise me if the above have been received.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL

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February 18, 1919.

Fairmount Supply & Equipment Co.,
1220 Filbert Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:-

With reference to the inclosure, I beg to advise that the account was settled by the Auditor for the Treasury Department under date of January 31, 1919, settlement number 71665.

If Treasury warrant has not been received within course of ten days, I suggest that inquiry be made of the Treasurer of the United States, making reference to the above settlement by the Auditor for the Treasury Department indicating number, date and amount of the bill.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

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February 19, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The recommendations for increased compensation, under the Act approved July 3, 1918, contained in your letter of February 6th, have this day been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 21, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Herewith I am forwarding travel expense vouchers of Messrs. Ashbrook and Merrill of the Annual Assay Commission, approved for payment in the sum of $28.41 and $24.66.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

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February 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of December 17th informing this office that in accordance with the suggestion contained in our letter dated December 12th, you placed an order with the Hickory Steel-Grip Glove Company, of Chicago, for six pairs each of mitts and gloves, I beg to request that you advise the Bureau if the same have proven satisfactory and are worthy of recommendation to the other institutions.

Respectfully,

M. McKell

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 25, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

There was forwarded you on the 24th inst., under separate cover, Public Voucher, Form 2148, expense accounts of Calvin Page, Portsmouth, N. H., C. L. McCracken, Johnstown, Ohio and R. L. Ailworth, Eastville, Va., members of the United States Assay Commission Philadelphia 1919; for settlement in the amounts approved for.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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February 21, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Herewith I am forwarding travel expense voucher of Mr. G. E. Vaughan of the Annual Assay Commission, approved for payment in the sum of $45.07.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F.L.
Encl.

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February 26, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Herewith I am forwarding for payment from your minor coinage profits, 23 bills of Wells Fargo & Co. Express for transportation of minor coin, numbered as follows:-

A-11-91, 92, 96, 97, 97½, 98, 114, 117, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 133, 134, 135, 136, 162, 167, 168, 169 and 170.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encls.
F-L

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February 26, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Bill of the Pennsylvania Railroad for transportation of stationery, etc., from Washington, December 10, 1918, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $3.83.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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February 26, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please forward copy of authority for purchase of Millionaire Calculating Machine to support voucher forwarded with your letter of the 24th instant.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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February 27, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Herewith I am forwarding travel expense voucher of Mr. George C. McIntyre of the Annual Assay Commission, approved for payment in the sum of $130.88.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

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February 27, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to this Bureau, as early as possible, an invoice covering 50 ounces of proof gold and 50 ounces of proof silver, for the United States Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 28, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Attention is invited to following items pertaining to your accounts for the quarter ended Dec. 31, 1918.

The bids for sweeps sold are not found in this office. Please forward same.

The bids for $400. worth of old material sold are not found. They should be forwarded.

Invoices for metals received for foreign coinage have not, as yet, been received.

Deposit certificate #1261 is returned herewith for signature of the Assayer.

Assay reports Nos. 2050, 2279 and 2280 are forwarded for the initials of the Weigher.

Assay reports Nos. 1851 and 2214 are forwarded for the signature of the Assayer. In this connection it is noted that a number of assay reports lack the initials of the Calculator, while others lack the initials of the Assistant Assayer.

December voucher #278 is enclosed for proper signature of the payee, the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Payroll #59 covering Increased Compensation, for the period July 1st to August 15th, is enclosed herewith for insertion of data - number od days and rates per day - which will permit a verification of the computations.

Assay report for deposit #1442 carries an extra charge of $1.00 for melting deposit three times. The deposit consisted of over 1,000 ounces, making the initial melting charge $2.00. It would seem that an additional charge of $1.00 is hardly consistent for melting three times. Explanation is requested.

It is requested that when deposits are rejected or withdrawn, the receipt for bullion be forwarded to this

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office as evidence that there is no liability of the Government outstanding. Such receipt should be properly endorsed as in the case of other deposits.

It is noted that frequently when but one precious metal is present, assay reports do not carry indication of the proportion of base metal contained. As errors sometimes occurr in the reports, it is requested that in future the assay reports always show the entire content of the deposit in thousandths in order that any possible error may be more readily detected. It should always be possible to total the number of thousandths of the various metals reported to equal one thousand thousandths. This is for the purpose of accuracy in checking. It is also requested that when changes are made in the reported finenesses, that such changes be initialed by the Assayer.

In preparation of future schedules of unpaid deposits, please head the column at the right margin "total" and indicate therein, total amount payable on each deposit.

November voucher #141 in favor of the General Electric Company for lamps, does not carry sufficient data for verification of the unit price. Please forward such additional data as is necessary.

November voucher #150 in favor of Fairmount Supply & Equipment Company for railroad rails and switch should be supported by authority for purchase of same as well as indication of purpose for which to be used.

Voucher #173 in favor of Brown Bros. does not carry indication of capacity in which J. L. Keyser signs for his principal.

Please forward copy of authority for purchase of Dalton Adding Machine, November voucher #196.

December voucher #227 in favor of Chambers Bros. Company carries an extra charge of $19.78, stated as on account of defective bedplate. Further explanation is requested concerning same.

December voucher #233 in favor of Egyptian Lacquer Company is accompanied by a letter stating that proposal was forwarded therein, but no quotation accompanied the voucher to this office. Please forward same.

December voucher #268 in favor of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company carries overcharges of 3, 4 and 5¢ on nearly every telegram, giving a total overcharge of 61¢ which should be collected. The night rate on messages from Philadelphia to Washington is 15¢ for twenty words or less, and for over twenty words it is 5¢ less than the actual number of words.

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On payroll #110 for the last half of October, Mach A. Strain is credited with 7-1/8 days pay to October 20th, while marginal notation indicated 3 days extra time and 1/8 day deducted, which would give 6-7/8 days, an apparent overpayment of 1/4 day at $3.75 - $1.04.

Absence and Efficiency sheet for November indicated a charge of 5 days against Bessie R. Winter on account of sickness. The payrolls indicate that this charge should be against B. A. Winters, Assistant Foreman of Machine Shop. Please advise me which is correct.

With reference to payroll #129 for last half of November, page 9 adds $8.26 short of the total indicated; this may possibly be accounted for in the account of Paxson Rue who is credited with 13 days time while the money computation covers but 11 days. Please advise me as to this.

Considerable difficulty is being experienced in checking the absence reports with the payrolls and it is requested that in future, corrections for errors in prior periods, either additions or deductions, made on the rolls, be supported by indication in the margin of the periods covered by such corrections. Examination of the rolls would also be facilitated if the absence reports could reach the office at an earlier date - as soon as practicable after the rolls themselves are rendered.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encls.
F-L

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February 28, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Herewith I am forwarding travel expense vouchers of Messrs. Geo. R. Comings and John W. Heck of the Annual Assay Commission, approved for payment in the sums of $19.55 and $17.52.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

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February 28, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

With reference to voucher recently rendered for settlement by the Auditor, from your 1918 Contingent Appropriation, it is noted that on order #998 an encumbrance of $182.64 was set up while the bills rendered were for $1485.60. This might easily have resulted in a deficiency if your expenses had been running close to the amount of the appropriation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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March 1, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I enclose two very dirty granulation samples of fine gold and would thank you to have duplicate-assays for gold made on each sample, taking the metal as it comes without any attempt to clean the sample or to cut out the cleaner portions for the assay.

Respectfully,

M. W. Ray

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L

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OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

March 1, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 1 dated July 25, 1918, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Assay Office at New York has been examined and the gross value found to be $860,557.08. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Assay Office at New York. Gain $908.54.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL

Form 8897

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March 1, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please furnish this Bureau with a statement showing the value of fine gold bars issued in exchange for gold coin and gold bullion by months, during the calendar year 1918, similar to the tables published on page 65 in my report of last year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL

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March 1, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

With reference to letter of this office dated February 13th, and your reply thereto, will state that inasmuch as it is not practical to obtain the weight of the silver dollars received from the Treasury during the September and December, 1918, quarters, the direction for carrying same on Form 61 for future quarters may be disregarded and the matter will be cared for in this office.

Respectfully,

N. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L.

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March 1, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Bill of the American Railway Express Company for transportation of one metal keg from Denver in August last, has been referred to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $2.31.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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March 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Herewith find bill of the American Railway Express Company, No. 8-32B, in amount $262.37, for transportation of minor coin, payable from your profits on manufacture of minor coin.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

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March 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Until further advised it will not be necessary to forward monthly reports to this office of gold bars issued on deposits and in exchange for cash. However, it is requested that tabulations showing such information by months, similar to those on page 66 of the 1918 Report of the Director of the Mint, be forwarded at the close of each calendar year and each fiscal year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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March 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Traveling expense voucher of Richard P. Morris, member of the Annual Assay Commission, is forwarded herewith for payment in the sum of $259.90.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

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March 4, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please cause to be forwarded to the Bureau an invoice covering 50 ounces of proof gold for the Assay Department of the Mint at Denver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 4, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith check for $12,931.25 on the First National Bank of Boston, in payment of the ten and five centavo blanks you are having manufactured for the Argentine Government.

The Charge d'Affaires requests that receipts in triplicate be forwarded to him for the above mentioned sum. Will you please comply with this request by sending the receipts direct to the embassy?

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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March 6, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$ 5,000
Wages of workmen, ------	50,000
Contingent expense, ----	22,000
Increased compensation,-	5,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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March 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to confirm telephone request that you forward to the Mint at New Orleans five hundred large coin bags.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please forward to the Mint at Denver, 30 obverse and 20 reverse One Cent coinage dies, also, 12 One Cent collars for large presses.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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OFFICE OF
ECTOR OF THE MINT
REFLYING QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

March 7, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

Memorandum of shipment No. 2 dated August 22, 1918, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Assay Office at New York has been examined and the gross value found to be $209,262.09. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Assay Office at New York, Gain $491.97.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL

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March 8, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I enclose eight samples of fine gold, and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample, reporting the results, together with the proof figures, to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of March 5th, in which you recommend the demotion of Thomas Grace, machinist at $6.00 per diem, to that of a watchman at $900.00 per annum, will you please advise the Bureau of the reason for this demotion in order that the case may be properly presented to the Secretary's office, the demotion being somewhat out of the usual.

Respectfully,

H. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Herewith find bills of the American Railway Express Company for transportation of minor coin payable from the profits on minor coinage,- bill No. 8-32-B and A-12-57, in amounts $262.37 and $665.09.

Bills of Wells Fargo & Co. Express for transportation of minor coin are also forwarded for settlement as follows:-

A-11-267	$357.26
A-11-268	363.25
A-11-278	117.70
A-12-61	220.73
A-12-66	74.91

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

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March 11, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 10th inst. reporting the receipt of two broken Chicago Pencil Sharpeners, shipped from the Division of Printing and Stationery, you are requested to return them to that Division, marking the package so as to show that it was sent from your mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL

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March 11, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Will you please forward to the Register of the Treasury, 3 dozen copper and 4 steel dies, same as those previously furnished.

The Register reports that he has on hand, 154 copper and 7 steel worn dies which are of no further use. Will you please advise the Bureau if it is in any way desirable that these worn useless dies should be returned to you in case the metal can be further utilized for any purpose?

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 11, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Will you please forward to the Bureau a bronze medal of President Wilson and of President Cleveland, rendering your account with the same made out to Judge Timothy Ansberry.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 11, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter received from Peter E. Apgar relative to his status in the Mint. After reading this letter please hold and I will confer with you regarding it when I am next in Philadelphia

I am also enclosing a copy of a letter sent this day to Mr. Apgar.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 11, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 10th, I beg to advise that you are authorized to accept the proposal of W.H.Alexander to furnish your institution with one Ideal Stencil Machine, at a cost of $99.00, payment to be made from your appropriation for "Contingent Expense 1919".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 11, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Herewith I am forwarding travel expense voucher of Capt. Isaac E. Emerson of the Annual Assay Commission, approved for payment in the sum of $28.32.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

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March 11, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 5th inst. concerning your accounts for the December quarter, attention is invited to letter of this office dated Nov. 1, 1918, authorizing the acceptance of Goldsmith Bros. bid for sweeps to be sold. It is the practice of this office to return such bids in order that they may accompany the accounts when rendered. Please make search for same and if found forward to support your accounts before the Auditor.

Relative to the invoices for metals received for foreign coinage, computations on the amounts carried by the invoices indicate discrepancies between same and the formal statement on form 1026, as follows:- In the case of the Government of Nicaragua, form 1026 appears to be short 29.17 ounces; in the case of the Government of Argentina, form 1026 appears to be short 3252.08 ounces; in the case of the Government of Peru, form 1026 appears to carry excess of 18½ ounces. Explanation is requested.

Concerning November voucher #141, in favor of the General Electric Company for lamps, it was known when prior letter was written, that these lamps were procured at the prices given in the General Supply Committee's Catalogue; however, that catalogue carries lamps of different sizes and candle-powers, and as previously requested, information is desired which will enable checking of the items carried on the voucher with the items carried in the schedule in order that the prices may be verified.

With reference to November voucher #150, covering railroad rails and switches, attention is invited to page 19 of the regulations relative to obtaining authority for the procuring of unusual

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equipment, etc.

Concerning the extra charge of $19.78 on voucher #227, covering work done on defective casting, you are advised that the voucher should have carried indication that this item was purchased under sections "4a" and "C" of methods indicated on back of voucher.

In regard to November voucher #196 for Dalton Adding Machine, reference is made to page 32 of the regulations concerning verbal authority for business transactions.

It is noted from letter of the 7th inst., that you consider $1.00 extra charge for remelting deposit #1442, consisting of over 1000 gross ounces, sufficient to cover the extra costs involved. In this connection attention is invited to amended cost figures for the fiscal year 1918, giving the sum of $5.98 per thousand gross ounces as the average cost of melting deposits during that year.

Letter originally accompanying voucher #233, in favor of the Egyptian Lacquer Company, is returned herewith for your files.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

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March 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I enclose eight samples of fine gold and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample, reporting the results, together with the proof figures, to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
D-L

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March 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of February 19th, last, regarding a supply of Form 1007, "Time card-Individual time engaged on job", I beg to state that a supply will be mailed to your mint this day.

Your request that the form be printed on lighter stock, was transmitted to the Public Printer, and I trust the paper furnished will be satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL

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March 13, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please refer to letter of this office of the 26th ultimo, to which no reply has yet been received, requesting copy of authority for the purchase of a Millionaire Calculating Machine, voucher for which was forwarded with your letter of February 24th.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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March 13, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

With reference to letter of this office dated October 22, 1918, I have to state that the bill of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for transportation of one picking machine and parts from Brooklyn, has been settled in the amount of $11.19, the difference of $26.01 on the amount for which approved having been disallowed on account of error in classification; settlement number 72727, March 12, 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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March 13, 1919.

Mr. T. L. Comparette, Curator,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Comparette:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of a copy of your article entitled "Aes Signatum" and appreciate very much your courtesy in sending this copy to me.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 13, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please forward to the Mint at Denver the following coinage dies:-

20 Obverse Half Dollar
20 Obverse Dime
10 Reverse Dime

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-L

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March 14, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Bill of the American Railway Express Company for transportation of a plaster model to Washington in July last, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of 42¢.

Respectfully,

M. McNeil,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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OFFICE OF
TOR OF THE MINT
PLYING QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

March 14, 1919.

UBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

uperintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

r:

Memorandum of shipment No. 3 dated November 1, 1918, bullion forwarded by you to the United States Assay Office at ew York has been examined and the gross value found to be 86,356.53. For this amount a transfer has been requested from r bullion fund to that of the Assay Office at New York, in $167.25

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 15, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 14th, I beg to advise that this letter will be authority for you to accept the proposal of DeHuff & Hopkins, in amount $770.00, for furnishing your institution with one 3 HP, 220-volt direct current, vertical motor for use on one of your upsetting machines, it being understood that that was the only bid received.

Respectfully,

M. McFadden

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 18, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 15th inst. concerning accounts for the December quarter, you are advised with reference to December voucher #268 in favor of the Postal Telegraph Company, that in all cases the government is entitled to the lowest day or night rate made, whether commercial or government and regardless of the designation on the message itself as to "night letter" or "night message". In this case the night message rate is lowest and the difference of 61¢ should be refunded.

With reference to voucher #141 for electric lamps, it is presumed from the price paid that these lamps were clear rather than frosted, although this was not so stated.

Concerning the difference in weight on minor coinage metal for the government of Peru, will state that one of the invoices in this office carries a weight of 80,604 pounds, said invoice being stated in the above mentioned letter as carrying weight of 80,605 pounds.

When requesting future authority for sale of sweeps will you kindly forward merely a summary of the bids received, retaining the original bids in your office to be forwarded with the accounts when rendered.

Respectfully,

R. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.-L

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March 18, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Will you please prepare and forward to the Mint at Denver twenty pairs of dime dies as soon as possible?

Respectfully,

W. Wood Heller

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March, 19, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith check for $12,931.25, covering the cost of manufacturing -

Five Centavo Blanks: and 50 packing cases	3,000,000
Ten Centavo Blanks: and 75 packing cases	3,000,000

The Charge d'Affaires of the Argentine Embassy requests that you send to him the triplicate invoice, recipted in letters as well as figures.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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March 20, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith 21.60 ounces of silver reduced from chloride, for which I would thank you to return an equivalent in granulated silver for parting.

There are also enclosed 63.65 grams of cornets, for which I would thank you to return an equivalent in proof gold in strips, after deducting 6.4 grams, due you on your assay report of 1/13/19.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L
Encl.

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March 20, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

With reference to your letter of the 19th instant giving an estimated cost of $1030. for manufacture of mitts, sleeves, aprons and anode bags for the New York Assay Office, it is requested that in future a copy of each order received be forwarded to this office carrying notation covering your estimate of cost, in order that this office may be in possession of the facts as to date of order, etc.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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March 21, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;-

I am enclosing herewith correspondence with S & B Lederer Co., Providence, R. I. Will you please advise Bureau by telephone, upon receipt of this correspondence, in regard to the amounts to be charged for this proposed coinage, in case it is officially authorized.

I would also refer you to your letters of April 3, 1917 and Oct. 15, 1917, the substance of which letters, was at the time, transmitted to Lederer Company. Please return enclosed copies.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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Sent to all institutions except San Francisco.

March 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

It has come to the attention of the Bureau that in some instances telegrams filed for transmission to the Bureau have been changed by the sending office to "collect" messages and that charges have been collected at both ends, making duplicate payments. The Comptroller of the Treasury has ruled, and reiterated under date of March 19, 1919, that bills for telegrams must be always supported by the original of the telegram sent. Please be guided accordingly in future.

In order that the Bureau may have a definite working rule it is requested that no messages be sent to the Bureau "collect", but that all messages be paid for locally.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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March 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your inquiry of the 21st inst. concerning vouchers payable from your 1917 contingent appropriation for coins for the numismatic collection, I have to advise as follows:-

Bill of Friedrich Redder of Leipsig, Germany, for 34.8 marks, was settled June 7, 1918, in the sum of $8.29, settlement #65587.

Bill of J. Schulman of Amsterdam, Holland, for 627.45 florins was settled in the total sum of $409.29; settlement No. 69681, November 5, 1918 ---------- $ 92.15
and settlement No. 65588, June 7th, 1918 ---------- 317.14
Total ---------- $409.29

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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March 25, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to confirm telephone request of this day asking you to forward to the Mint at New Orleans 2,500 coin bags to be used in shipping silver dollars to your Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 25, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The Treasurer has this day been requested to cause a transfer order to be issued amounting to $8,000,000, payable in standard silver dollars, to be sent from the Mint at New Orleans to your Mint, to be melted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 26, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding travel expense vouchers of Messrs. McNeil and Pittman of the Annual Assay Commission, approved for payment in the sum of $244.05 and $370.98.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 27, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 24th, forwarding by registered mail, granulated silver in exchange for the 21.60 ounces of silver sent your institution with Bureau letter of March 20th.

I also beg to acknowledge receipt of strip proof gold in exchange for the 63.65 grams of cornets sent you with the same letter, less the 6.4 grams due you on your assay report of January 13th.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 28, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

With reference to letter of this office dated January 18, 1919, concerning cost reports, and your replies thereto, the following is brought to attention:-

The Philadelphia Mint reports the following amendments to the 1918 cost report:

	Melted	Average cost per thousand.
Number deposits	6,451	$1,907.87
Gross ounces	2,057,899.52	5.93
Fine ounces gold	281,464.391	7.20
Fine ounces silver	1,427,384.49	
Average number of assays per deposit - - - - - - - -		7.87

This average number of assays appears to have been determined by eliminating from calculation the number of deposits not melted, but not eliminating the number of assays on such deposits.

For assay purposes the general practice appears to be to take two to four samples of each deposit, counting each proof required, including preliminary assays when made. Probably the low averages at some institutions were due principally to large receipts of fine silver, upon which fewer assays are required than upon ordinary deposits. By combining the deposits and redeposits the average assays per deposit are reduced at New York from 9 to 7½ and increased at Denver from 3 to 3½, as compared with the figures given in Bureau letter of January 18th.

The Denver Mint reports that the average cost for assaying was correctly stated in the cost report as being $0.255; the Bureau computer overlooked the silver assays (separately stated in the report of the Denver Mint only) in making computation. If the gold and silver items were combined in the column "Number" under the head of statistics they would be more readily comparable with the same items reported by the other institutions.

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Copy of amended cost report of the San Francisco Mint is enclosed, amendments having been made affecting item 2 of the 2nd division and item 3 of the 5th division.

In making approximate reconsiliation of cost report figures with appropriation figures the cost of the "increased compensation" of employees should be charged in the same manner as other appropriation costs. This is mentioned for the reason that the increased compensation was not included in the figures accompanying Bureau letter of Jan. 18th. The inclusion of such figures would have had the effect of increasing the difference between the money costs and the cost report figures. The items necessary for approximate reconciliation will in some instances be additions to the cost data as rendered for 1918, and in some instances memoranda analysing the approximate difference between operating and appropriation costs, such, for example, as a reduction in the inventory valuation of stores (as compared with prior year), which should not be stated as a reduction of operating costs but as a memo item of difference. The appropriation figures used should include unliquidated encumbrances as well as paid amounts.

It is understood that each lot of bullion which requires an assay report is counted as a deposit, the aggregate of which constitutes the "number of deposits" reported; is this the practice at your institution and if not will this definition be satisfactory for your future practice?

Other details connected with the cost report will be taken up at a later date.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-L

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March 29, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please advise the Bureau of the quantity of silver dollars you will be able to melt for delivery in time to be exported from San Francisco on May 3rd.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 29, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter stating that Helen Klein and Anna Curran have successfully passed the competitive clerks examination.

I have consulted the Civil Service Commission over the telephone and been advised by Mr. Hess that if you would ask for the promotion of the two women named, on the basis of the examination they have taken, the District Secretary will certify their names to you.

Respectfully,

M. McRoberts
Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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April 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to confirm telephone communication of this day requesting you to consult Capt. Porson, 1710 Market Street, Philadelphia, in regard to a stock of metals now on hand in the Ordnance Department and available for any purpose of the mint, should you find them of a proper quality and of satisfactory price. Enclosed herewith a list of the articles issued by the Ordnance Department, April 2nd.

A representative of the Materials & Scrap Division, Office of the Director of Sales, Ordnance Department, War Department, has advised this Bureau that Capt. Porson will be instructed to supply to you samples of any material, the purchase of which you may wish to consider.

Your recommendation upon the bid of Mr. Bournonville of 7½¢ a pound for high grade slab zinc, has not been acted upon pending your decision in regard to the above materials which are available at Philadelphia. Please advise the Bureau of your determination in the matter.

When you have finished reviewing the lists herewith, please forward them to the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York for his inspection.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.
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April 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$ 6,000.
Wages of workmen, ----	50,000.
Contingent expense, --	24,000.
Increased comp., -----	2,000.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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April 9, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your inquiry over the telephone, I am enclosing herewith for your information a copy of a letter, the original of which was forwarded your office under date of March 18th.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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April 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith check for $12,931.25 in payment for the manufacture of 3,000,000 Five Centavo nickel blanks and 5,000,000 Ten Centavo nickel blanks for the Government of Argentina.

The Charge d'Affaires of the Argentine Embassy requests that you issue to him the usual triplicate receipts showing the amount received in letters and figures. Will you please cause the receipts to be sent directly to the Embassy?

The Charge d'Affaires further requests that the blanks now ready, be held by you until he is further advised when the Argentine transport will be ready to take the blanks to Buenos Aires.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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April 11, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Our records do not show receipt of schedule of encumbrances for the month of February.

Will you kindly forward same?

Respectfully,

M. O. Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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April 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your telephone communication of this date, I beg to advise you that we are in receipt of a telegram from the Cerro De Pasco Copper Corporation requesting the manufacture of gold discs, Peruvian pound, equivalent to $140,837.00.

The Minister of Peru has advised the Bureau over the telephone, that formal authority will be sent by him to the Bureau, in which he will name the Cerro De Pasco Copper Corporation agent to receipt the discs. Pending the receipt of this formal authority, please make what preparations you can for the manufacture of the discs. I would suggest that you do not begin the manufacture of them until the authority has actually been received from the Minister.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter forwarded this day to the Cerro De Pasco Copper Corporation.

Respectfully,

W. M. Ross

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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April 19, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 61.35 grams of cornets, for which I would thank you to return an equivalent in proof gold in strips after deducting 8. grams, due you on your assay report of March 21, 1919.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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April 21, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In addition to the gold discs you have already been authorized to prepare for shipment to Peru, please prepare gold discs amounting to $1,240.00. This is in response to a request received from the Legation this day.

The discs are to be added to those to be delivered to the Cerro de Pasco Copper Corporation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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April 23, 1919.

Dear Mr. Joyce:-

This will introduce to you Messrs. George C. Gerrish and Robert H. Leach, Manager and Assistant Manager, respectively, of the Bridgeport Plant of Handy & Harman, who have requested the privilege of inspecting your methods of electric melting and of annealing gold and silver.

Will you kindly extend to them facilities for making the inspection requested.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. A.M.Joyce,
Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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April 22, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Your report of deposits and purchases of gold and silver, etc., form 61, for the quarter ended March 31st, has not yet been received. Such reports should be forwarded promptly as requested in letter of Jan. 20, 1919, in order that report requested by the Federal Reserve Board may be prepared without delay.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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April 22, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

At the request of Messrs. Handy & Harman, letters of introduction to for Messrs. Gerrish and Leach, Manager and Assistant Manager, respectively, of Handy & Harman's Bridgeport Plant, are being forwarded to them for use in visiting your institution to inspect the methods in use for electric melting and annealing gold and silver.

I trust it will be convenient for you to extend to these gentlemen facilities for making such inspection.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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April 23, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I enclose 2 samples of a bullion and would thank you to have your Assayer treat them in the same way that he would handle samples of deposits, reporting to this office the results obtained, together with the proof figures and composition of proofs used, and returning the beads and cornets from each sample in the same envelope with the sample. I would also thank you to state the figures at which he would report each bullion.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L
Encl.

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April 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Responding to your request of April 23rd, you are hereby authorized to incur an expenditure of $764.00, the amount of the proposal of the Tolhurst Machine Works, Troy, New York, covering a change you desire to make in the old type Coin Drying Machines to the new design Individual Motor Drive Machines with hot-air drying cylinder.

It is understood that no other bid can be obtained as the equipment is made by the Tolhurst Machine Works for this improvement and payment is to be made from your "contingent appropriation 1919."

Respectfully,

M. McReady

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 25, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Herewith I am forwarding bills for transportation on minor coin, payable from profits on minor coinage in the sums indicated:-

A-11-89	Wells	Fargo	&	Co.	Express	$ 549.45
A-11-92½	"	"	"	"	"	637.91
A-11-93	"	"	"	"	"	344.08
A-11-271	"	"	"	"	"	186.39
A-11-272a	"	"	"	"	"	134.24
A-11-283	"	"	"	"	"	90.59
A-11-284	"	"	"	"	"	65.07
A-12-87	"	"	"	"	"	50.00
A-12-98	"	"	"	"	"	336.84
A-12-100	"	"	"	"	"	65.07
A-12-120	"	"	"	"	"	1,019.54
A-12-121	"	"	"	"	"	151.50
A-12-123	"	"	"	"	"	247.95
A-12-141	"	"	"	"	"	68.70
A-12-142	"	"	"	"	"	209.63
A-12-152	"	"	"	"	"	34.35
A-12-159	"	"	"	"	"	41.25
A-12-163	"	"	"	"	"	248.25
A-12-166	"	"	"	"	"	314.14
A-12-169	"	"	"	"	"	41.25
A-12-171	"	"	"	"	"	74.92
A-12-89	American	Ry.	Express	Co.		542.48
A-12-99	"	"	"	"		50.00
A-12-109	"	"	"	"		106.52
A-12-150	"	"	"	"		65.07
A-12-161	"	"	"	"		58.70
A-12-164	"	"	"	"		69.05

Respectfully,

M. McRaelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encls.
F-L

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April 26, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of strip proof gold forwarded to the Bureau in exchange for 61.35 grams of cornets sent from the Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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April 26, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Herewith I am forwarding bill No. A-12-53 in amount $833.88, for transportation of minor coin, payable from profits on minor coinage, (Wells Fargo & Co. Express).

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

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April 29, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please cause to be forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco twenty obverse and thirty reverse One Cent dies.

Respectfully,

M. W. Taylor

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 28, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 28th, you are authorized to accept the proposal of the District Salvage Board, Non-ferrous Section, New York City, to supply your institution with approximately 60,000 pounds of cupro nickel bands said to contain 2½% plus or minus ½% nickel and the balance copper 99.98% pure, at the rate of 13¢ per pound, f. o. b. your mint.

Respectfully,

M. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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April 29, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received from the Deputy Master of the Royal Mint at Melbourne relative to the electric furnace now in operation in your Mint. Will you please submit the letter to the agents of the electric furnace, with the request that such data as they may have available, be forwarded to this Bureau, and that we be permitted to transmit the same to the Deputy Master of the Royal Mint at Melbourne.

Respectfully,

M McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

G-L
Encl.

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April 30, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to my letter of April 29th authorizing you to purchase 60,000 pounds of cupro nickel bands at the rate of 13¢ per pound, you are, in accordance with the telephone communication of this date, authorized to consider this letter amended permitting you to purchase 123,553 pounds of the same metal at the rate of 15¢ per pound, payment to be made from the minor coinage metal fund.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 1, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of April 30th, you are authorized to purchase from the District Salvage Board, Non-Ferrous Section New York, (War Department), 30,000 pounds of zinc at a price as low as it can be obtained from any regular dealer on the day the purchase is made.

It is understood that you are to advise the Bureau when this purchase is made and the rate paid.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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April 30, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to confirm telephone communication of this day authorizing you to purchase from the United Metals Selling Company, agents for the District Salvage Board, Non-Ferrous Section New York, (War Department), 400,000 pounds of electrolytic copper at 15.55¢ f.o.b. your mint. It is understood that this price meets the lowest bid obtained from three dealers asked to bid on supplying this copper.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 1, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Confirming telephone communication of this date, I beg to approve your recommendation for the purchase of 10,000 pounds of screened shot nickel from the International Nickel Company at the rate of 38.43 cents per pound f.o.b. your mint, this being the lowest of three bids received.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am at present planning to send Mr. Chaffin to the Mint at San Francisco to take charge of the settlement at that institution and would like also to have you spare Mr. Meridith to assist at the New York settlement.

Will you please advise me by return mail if you can spare these two men for this duty. The settlement at San Francisco will begin on June 10th and that at New York about June 23rd.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 6, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of May 3rd enclosing letter from Bloom Bros. showing they are now ready to proceed with the coinage of 2,000,000 five-centavo nickel pieces for the Government of Salvador, I beg to state that the latest advice this Bureau has received from the Chancellor in charge of the Salvador Consulate is dated April 24th and is to the effect that that officer has submitted to his Government information from us and that upon receipt of instructions he will communicate with us again.

In the absence of final instructions from the officer representing the Salvador Government, it is deemed expedient to delay any action on the Salvador coinage until such formal authority has reached us.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 7, 1919.

Superintendent, U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Bureau a statement of your organization as of May 15th next.

Please indicate in addition to the organization on that date, the number of employees who have been dropped from the rolls during this fiscal year and the net reduction in wages effected by the reduction in your force.

In making up the organization please arrange the list according to departments and follow the following form in order that the reports from all of the offices may be received by the Bureau in a uniform state:-

Name	Designation	Rate of compensation	Rate of appointment

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Bill of the American Railway Express Co. for transportation from Washington of writing paper in December last, waist belts in November last and gun slings in December last, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $1.72.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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May 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Herewith I am returning your bill for melting standard silver dollars during the month of December, lacking the signature of the Superintendent. Upon return of same in proper form it will be placed in line for early settlement.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

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May 9, 1919.

Supt. U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U.S.Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Supt. U.S.Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Supt. U.S.Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Seattle, Washington.

Gentlemen:-

You are hereby authorized and requested to address circular letters to well known dealers in supplies to be furnished your institution for the fiscal year 1920. The circular letter is to be used instead of advertising in the newspapers.

It is suggested that plans be made to enter into contract for only those supplies, which in your judgment, it is expedient to cover by yearly contract.

Synopsis of bids received should be forwarded to the Bureau as early as practicable together with your recommendation as to the acceptance of proposals.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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sent to each institution.

May 9. 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a provision which is to be made a part of all contracts to which the Treasury Department, or any branch thereof, is a party.

This Bureau has not a supply of copies of this provision and it will be necessary for you to have typewritten copies made to be attached to all contracts entered into by you before they are forwarded to the Department for approval.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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May 9, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries, ----------	$ 6,000.00
Wages of workmen, ----------	50,000.00
Contingent expense, ----------	18,000.00
Increased compensation, -------	5,000.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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May 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In your report of crude bullion assays of the 5th, the gold on #4 is given as 223.6. I would thank you to verify this figure.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L

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TO ALL INSTITUTIONS. May 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

May 30th being a holiday you are authorized to make payment of salaries of officers and employees for the period May 16th to May 31st on the 29th instant.

In the case of per diem employees you are authorized to arrange a special date on which to compute the payroll covering partial payment.

This authority is to be used entirely in your discretion.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 14, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Will you please forward to Hon. John Skelton Williams, six medals of President Wilson, with two blue and two red cases, velvet lined.

Please send the medals and the cases directly to the Comptroller with account for the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 15, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Herewith find assay reports Nos. 2454, 2566 and 2567 pertaining to your accounts for the January-March quarter, lacking the signature of the Assayer.

Assay reports Nos. 2383 and 2603 are also enclosed with request that Assayer initial the changed figures covering the fineness of the various metals.

Kindly forward assay report covering the assay coin bar received from the Bureau, No. 2970.

It is requested that in future the returned endorsed receipt for bullion, or in lieu thereof memorandum of bullion received, be forwarded to this office with the accounts in each instance of rejection of deposit as evidence that there is no liability of the government outstanding against same. If available please forward such voucher for rejected deposit No. 2704.

Enclosed herewith find three vouchers pertaining to metal deposited by the Siamese Government. These vouchers appear not to support the quantity, 104,726 lbs., of copper taken into the account of Siam. Please forward vouchers to support this item of copper.

No vouchers are found to support the items of copper, tin and zinc taken into the account of the Government of Peru, 1002,06 ounces. Kindly forward such vouchers.

It is noted that the minor coin received for recoinage is carried as coin on the account current but not on cashier's daily statment nor on statement of assets and liabilities. If it had been melted as indicated on the last named statement corrected account current, sheet #2., should be rendered.

With reference to your shipments of unrefined bullion to New York, attention is invited to the considerable differences between your findings and those of the New York office, some of which follow:

Bar No. 13215 in shipment #1 shows an increase over your findings of 6 thousandths in fineness and over 5 ounces of gold. On bar No. 378, shipment #2, there is a gain of about 2½ ounces of gold. On mass melt #7 there is a gain of about 32 ounces silver; mass melt #4 - 73 ounces silver; mass melt #10 - 28 ounces silver. On mass melt #5 (second) pertaining to shipment

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#3 there was a gain of nearly 16 ounces of silver. A gain of 10 to 15 ounces silver on the mass melts was quite frequent. Explanation is requested.

January voucher No. 305 in favor of Joseph B. Bostel & Co. Inc. is unsupported by accepted proposal and the capacity in which K. Hoffman signs for the company is not given.

On Postal Telegraph Company's vouchers Nos. 334, 335, 337 and 379, there are the following excess charges, the night message rate to which the government is entitled being less than the night letter rate charges: 22¢, 5¢, 21¢ and 24¢ respectively.

On Postal Telegraph Company's voucher No. 336, three messages are missing, that for October 10th to Washington -- 20¢, Oct. 18th to Jackson, Michigan - 48¢ and Oct. 24th to Washington - 20¢. Including these items in the amount of overcharge gives an apparent overcharge of 99¢. If copies of the messages are furnished and support the amount charged there would be a net overpayment on this voucher of 1¢.

February voucher #431 in favor of Smith, Drum & Co. gives an additional charge of $30.00, which is unsupported. Please forward such information as will support this charge.

Please advise me of the capacity in which D. G. Redmond sigs for the Fairmount Foundry Company on February voucher No. 513.

There is an apparent discrepancy of 1 dollar on each of two accounts on page 9 of the payroll for the last half of December. The two differences offsetting each other. Louis Russman appears to have been underpaid $1.00, while Jacob Stubaus appears to be overpaid that amount. Please advise me concerning this.

Early reply with return of vouchers is requested.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encls.

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May 15, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Bills as below for transportation of minor coinage are forwarded herewith for settlement, payable from your profit a on minor coinage:-

Wells Fargo & Co. Exp.	B-2-132	$191.28
" " " " "	B-1-201	74.57
" " " " "	B-1-207	206.25
American Ry. Express Co.	B-1-219	65.07
" " " "	A-12-101	68.34
" " " "	B-1-190	286.37
" " " "	B-1-220	380.02
" " " "	B-2-216	283.23
" " " "	B-2-217	348.55

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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E-101 B.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

May 15, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have today given to the members of the Financial Commission of the Republic of Chile, now visiting this country, a letter of introduction to you. The Commissioners will visit your Mint for the purpose of inspection and I will be obliged if you will extend to them every possible courtesy.

Please see that they are provided with a special guide and their visit is made as interesting as possible.

This letter is sent in anticipation of the arrival of the Commission in order that you may issue instructions for the proper reception of the Commission at the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

May 15, 1949.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

This letter will be authority for you to proceed with the manufacture of 1,000,000 one-centavo nickel pieces and 2,000,000 five-centavo nickel pieces for the Government of Salvador, it being understood that the rate is to be at $4.00 per M pieces which includes working dies.

The Chancellor of the Salvador Consulate has designated Bloom Bros. agent to receive this coin at your Mint.

The Chancellor has been advised this day by the Bureau that this coinage will be undertaken at the earliest possible moment, but it is not expected that you will be able to undertake it until after the annual settlement.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

May 16, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Joyce:-

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter received from the Civil Service Commission, which shows that Mrs. Klein has passed the examination for the position of clerk.

In relation to the appointment of Mrs. Klein, the Civil Service Commission state that her original appointment was the result of an examination which did not contain educational tests and that she has served as a sewing woman for a period less than two years.

The record of the Bureau shows that Mrs. Klein's original appointment to sewing woman was dated Nov. 6, 1915 and she has served intermittently on temporary appointments since that time. It is noted by the Bureau that the apointment was a temporary one until her probationary appointment in 1918. The Civil Service Commission's objection, is based, of course, upon the fact that her two years service has not been covered in this position.

Since, however, Mrs. Klein has served for approximately four years in the position of sewing woman and it is to the interest of the service, on account of her knowledge of mint work, that she be given this promotion, I would suggest that you take this matter up with the District Secretary, explain the case to him and have the matter reviewed by the United States Civil Service Commission with a statement from you as to the record of Mrs. Klein and her ability to fill the position to which it is proposed to promote her. If you will forward a recommendation with the approval of the District Secretary attached, the matter will be again taken up with the Civil Service Commission and an effort made to have Mrs. Klein's promotion allowed as a result of the examination which she took on May 1st.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

QvL

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

May 17, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 16th instant, I beg to advise that the medals mentioned therein, to be manufactured for the Comptroller of the Currency, are to be bronze.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint,

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

May 17, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I would thank you to state the amount of lead used in the gold assays and also in the base metal assays on the bullion reported by you on the 28th ult. and on the gold assays reported the 5th instant.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

May 20, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Upon receipt of this letter you are authorized to open the Mint to visitors in accordance with the regulations prevailing when the public was generally admitted previous to the war.

It is understood that in doing so it will not be necessary for you to employ additional guides.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

May 22, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of May 20th, your action in awarding a bid amounting to $90.00 to Henderson & Brother, Inc., for installing a rigger to move the large shell of the electric furnace in the court yard of the Mint into the Melting Room, is approved, it being understood that this is the lower of two bids received.

Respectfully,

M. West Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

May 23, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith a supply of War Tax Exemption Certificates to be used by government employees when making cash payment for railroad tickets or Pullman service.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Neill

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

May 23, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco twenty pairs one cent coinage dies and ten half dollar collars for large standard ring.

Respectfully,

A. MELLON

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

May 23, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the amounts indicated:-

Pennsylvania Railroad, Eastern Lines, - transportation of rifles, etc., from Washington in Feb. 1919 ---------- $2.55

American Railway Express Co. - transportation of coin counters from the Standard Coin Counter Inc., October 30, 1918 ---------- $1.07

American Railway Express Co. - transportation of plaster cast of medal to Washington, Oct. 30, 1918 ----------$.36

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

May 23, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of May 21st asking to be supplied with six "Non-shine" chair pads and one Mimeographing machine, I beg to state that the General Supply Schedule carries chair pads, which you are at liberty to purchase if you find that they are as low in price as any that you can purchase in Philadelphia and are at the sametime suitable for your purpose.

Inquiry has been made relative to the Mimeograph machine now in use by the Internal Revenue Bureau. It is hoped that the Bureau will have a report from that office not later than tomorrow and you will be further advised as to their experience in Mimeographing or Multigraphing.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

May 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of May 21st asking for authority to purchase a mimeographing machine, I am enclosing herewith specimen copies of work done by the multigraphing machine. This machine is installed in the Bureau of Internal Revenue and has given entire satisfaction.

The agent of the multigraphing machine has called at the office this morning and agreed to instruct the agent at Philadelphia to call upon you with the explanatory data regarding the machine and specimens of the work and to go over the machine itself and necessary attachments.

It is suggested that you may have some preference in regard to this machine over the Edison Rotary, both machines being listed in the General Supply Schedule, item 18400.

After you have conferred with the agent of the machine, please send your recommendation to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 26, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith 21.35 ounces of silver reduced from chloride, for which I would thank you to return an equivalent in granulated silver for parting.

There are also enclosed 40. grams of cornets, for which I would thank you to return an equivalent in proof gold in strips, after deducting 7.20 grams, due you on your assay report of 5/5/19.

Respectfully,

M. M. Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
D-L

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May 26, 1919.

Supt., U.S.Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" " " " San Francisco, Calif.
" " " " Denver, Colorado.
" " " Assay Office, New York, N. Y.
Assayer in Charge, U.S.Assay Office, Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen:-

For your information and guidance I have to advise that I am just in receipt of official notice that effective April 1, 1919, both commercial and government rates for transmission of telegrams were increased 20%.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

May 26, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

With further reference to your accounts for the January-March quarter, it is requested that accepted proposal be furnished to support January voucher No. 305 in favor of Joseph B. Bechtel & Co. Inc., as requested in letter of the 15th instant. This voucher bears indication of having been purchased by method 2 after request by letter for quotations from 4 dealers.

Concerning the discrepancy between the several statements for March 31st of minor recoinage metal, it is noted that although the last delivery during the January-March quarter of minor coin for melting was made March 13th, the computations for determining recoinage values, etc., were not made until after the close of the quarter. This should be kept more up-to-date; however, in the present instance the explanation given will be noted on the returns without further change therein.

The considerable gains on items making up shipments Nos. 1, 2 and 3 of crude bullion to New York, are more numerous and larger individually than occur on shipments from any other of our institutions, and the conclusion seems justified that your depositors are being underpaid. It is suggested that when future New York reports of shipments are received your Assay Department make careful comparison of the individual items, noting the outstanding differences. When such large differences as have been brought to attention in this correspondence occur on future shipments please forward samples to the Bureau for check assays. It is the policy of the Mint Service to give depositors as favorable returns as possible without producing losses to the government and I would appreciate your cooperation with this end in view.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 27, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Bills as below, for transportation of minor coin, are forwarded herewith for payment from your profits on minor coinage:-

B-1-32	American Ry. Exp. Co.	$379.72
B-1-34	" " " "	604.10
B-1-46	" " " "	84.72
B-1-61	" " " "	218.48
B-1-66	" " " "	61.95
B-1-77	" " " "	103.90
B-1-91	" " " "	105.77
B-1-92	" " " "	13.00
B-2-131	" " " "	84.72

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

May 28,1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 4 dated April 4, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Assay Office at New York has been examined and the gross value found to be $1,064,017.02. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Assay Office at New York, gain $893.06.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL

Form 8837

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May 28, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to advise you that on account of the very heavy demand for one cent pieces it will be necessary for you to plan to continue the coinage of that denomination throughout the settlement.

Please arrange accordingly.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 28, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of May 27th, relative to chair pads, I beg to suggest that you order these chair pads direct from the firm named in the General Supply Schedule. It is presumed that they will reach you more directly than if you ordered them through the Bureau.

Respectfully,

R. Baker

Director of the Mint.

C-L.

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May 29, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please prepare and forward to the Mint at Denver the following One Cent coinage dies, for the use of that institution:-

25 obverse
35 reverse

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 29, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing herewith literature covering material known as "Woslagon Fire Brick Coating". Mr. Witkowski has advised the Bureau that he has sent to your Mints samples of this material.

I will be glad if you will give this material a trial and report to me your conclusions in regard to its merits as a material advisable to use by the Mint Service.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encls.
O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

May 29, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to advise you that the Annual Settlement is to begin at your Mint on June 10th and that it has been arranged to have Mr. Frantz Chairman. Mr. Hassan of this Bureau, Messrs Allen and Shields of New York will also be members of the Committee.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

May 31, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

This office has received no notice of settlement of the following items of long standing covering reimbursable services rendered. Please advise me if you have received notice of settlement of same giving settlement numbers and dates.

Services Rendered	For what	For whom	Amount
August 1917	Adjusting scales,	Asst. Treas. U.S. Phila.	$ 2.56
January 1918	Post office dies. etc.	Post Office Dept.	100.10
Feb. 1918	Boxing wire rolling machine	Assay Office New York	15.48
Feb. 1918	Repairing auto.	A.M.Joyce	35.00
April 1918	Counters for dies, etc.	Treasury Department	42.99
April 1918	Service crosses	War department	251.34
April 1918	War badges	" "	32.71
May 1918	Dies, etc.,	Post Office Dept.	420.40
May 1918	Counters for	Farm Loan Board, Treasury Department	14.70
May 1918	Dies for sealing machines	Treasury Department	220.99

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

May 31, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th inst., enclosing silver in exchange for the 21.5|5 ounces of chloride silver forwarded with my letter of May 26th; also strip gold in exchange for the dornets, and thank you for the same.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

C-1.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 2, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please advise the Bureau by return mail of the number of Siamese coins you now have ready for delivery. The Minister of Siam is anxious to make a partial shipment, knowing that you cannot resume the coinage for his Government until some time in July.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

With further reference to the question of annual cost reports, and supplementing letters of Jan. 18th and March 28th, 1919, you are advised that it is the practice at the other institutions to charge repairs, including the replacement of furnaces, to the operations affected thereby, also, at New York and Denver, to charge the compensation of department heads, their assistant, clerks, etc., to the operations of the respective departments rather than to report them under administration.

The San Francisco Mint has been requested to change their procedure to conform with that at New York and Denver with respect to compensation of heads of departments and others, and it is requested that your report be also prepared on the above mentioned lines, in order that the reports of the various institutions may be comparable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 4, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of recent date making inquiry in regard to a mint mark for the Philippine dies, I beg to advise that the Bureau of Insular Affairs, War Department, informs this office that it will not be necessary to have any mint marks placed on these dies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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June 4, 1919.

Supt. U.S.Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" do Denver, Colorado.
" do San Francisco, Cal.
" U.S.A.O. New York, N.Y.
Assayer in Charge, U.S.A.O. Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen:-

Effective July 1, 1919, you are hereby authorized and directed to pay for silver partings at the New York official price of the prior day less the fraction of a cent.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 4, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning herewith receipt for premium upon the bond of the Assayer of your Mint, together with blank form of bond to be executed by him, four years having elapsed since the approval of his existing bond.

The receipt is returned to enable Mr. Eckfeldt to have the same attached to his new bond.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith the original letter received from the Minister of Colombia relative to the fineness of gold coins to be expressed on the dies now being prepared at your mint for that country.

The letter indicates that he wishes the fineness indicated as follows;-

0.916-2/3

Please advise me if this is the information you need in order to complete the dies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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June 5, 1919.

Supt. U.S.Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" do. Denver, Colorado.
" do. San Francisco, Cal.
" U.S.A.O., New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Please refer to Bureau letter of October 21, 1918 and advise me as to the results of your experience in using the forms provided for the purpose of obtaining the true production origin of deposits of bullion.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

P-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$ 3,000.
Wages of workmen, ----	56,000.
Contingent expense, --	16,000.
Increased comp., -----	5,000.
Total, ---------	$ 80,000.

Fifty six thousand dollars instead of sixty thousand dollars, as requested, is being advanced under your wages appropriation for the reason that there is not now funds available to meet the requisition for $60,000.00. If additional funds are needed request can be made at a later date.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

S-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge with thanks receipt of strip proof silver, in exchange for the 4.1 ounces of coin scrap forwarded with Bureau's letter of the 4th instant.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 11, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Will you please forward the following coinage dies to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at San Francisco:-

ONE CENT DIES
20 obverse 30 reverse

NICKEL DIES
30 obverse

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 11, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of June 10th, you are authorized to accept the following proposals for furnishing your Mint with supplies; payment to be made from the contingent appropriation, 1919:-

Penna. Fire Brick Co.	Fire brick	$130.00
Streeter, Hackney & Co.	Horsehide gloves	900.00
J. J. Quigley & Son	2 copper colanders	189.00
Geo. F. Ott Co.	4 cones for washers	220.00
Eureka Sanitary Brush Co.	Floor sweeps	110.40
W.H. & F. Jordan, Jr.	Cream of tartar	590.00
Fairmount Sup. & Equip. Co.	Adamite abrasive discs.	157.50
Midvale Steel & Ord. Co.	Tool steel for dies	135.00
Midvale Steel & Ord. Co.	do	1122.50

It is understood that competitive bids have been received for the above except in cases where there was but one dealer and that the most advantageous bids are recommended by you in each case.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 11, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of June 10th you are authorized to accept the proposal received from G. E. Stechert & Co. to furnish your Mint with about 19 volumes of foreign publications for the use of the Curator of the Numismatic Collection.

It is understood that three bids were invited and that of Stechert & Co. the only one received.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 11, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to advise you that the Secretary has approved your recommendation that Bernard A. Denver, Helper in your institution, be given the increased compensation, effective from date of oath, February 10, 1919.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Will you please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at Denver fifteen (15) pairs One Cent coinage dies.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of May 29th last concerning differences in assays on bullion shipped to the New York Assay Office, I have to advise that samples were obtained from New York, of certain bars contained in shipment #4. Comparison of the assays on these bars will be forwarded you in a few days.

I am informed that at New York silver finenesses are all based on humid assays; that no chip samples are taken on unrefined bullion; also that in the cases where the New York gross weight is recorded as less than the Philadelphia weight granulation samples were used, and where the weights are the same, drill samples were used.

The information which has thus far become available does not appear to justify the considerable differences in assays on these shipments, not all of which have been specifically mentioned.

Relative to the last paragraph of your letter of May 29th, attention is invited to page 12 of the Regulations - Transfers of bullion - where provision is made for retaining samples of bullion shipped. Now that it is possible to make regular shipments of unrefined bullion, will it be practical for you to retain samples as provided for?

Respectfully,

F. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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June 12, 1919.

Supt. U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U.S.Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Supt. U.S.Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:-

Under date of May 27th an amendment of the regulations approved April 18, 1910 governing appointments, promotions, etc., in the Mints and Assay Offices was approved by the Secretary so as to place the position of selector in subdivision 1 instead of in subdivision 2, Schedule D.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 13, 1919

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of June 12th, you are authorized to purchase from the Scovill Manufacturing Company, 100,000 pounds of 5¢ nickel blanks at the rate of 55¢ per pound, f.o.b. Philadelphia Mint, also 200,000 pounds of 1¢ bronze blanks at the rate of 37½¢ per pound, f.o.b. Philadelphia Mint.

It is understood that if you are obliged to have any of the blanks come by express, the price would be one cent per pound higher in each case.

Payment for these blanks will be made from the Minor Coinage Metal Fund.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 18, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of June 12th, you are authorized to make the following purchases, payment to be made from your 1919 contingent expense appropriation, it being understood that in each case the lowest of several bids received has been recommended for acceptance:-

1. Six 16" electric fans, from the Philadelphia Electric Company, at $21.70 each.

2. Six barrels of ammonium carbonate (approximately 2500 lbs.) from the Jordan Import Co. at 13¢ per pound.

3. 500 #5 graphite dipping cups, from R.B. Seidel, Inc., at 67¢ each less 1% cash discount.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 13, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Bills as below covering transportation of minor coin are forwarded herewith for payment from the profits on minor coinage in the amounts indicated:-

B-3-69	Wells Fargo & Co. Exp.	$ 91.28
B-3-154	do	79.20
B-3-10	American Ry. Exp. Co.	695.85
B-3-66	do	211.13
B-3-67	do	456.54
B-3-84	do	168.21
B-2-133	do	1045.22
B-1-208	do	239.67
B-2-156	do	338.39
B-2-246	do	192.21

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encls.
F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 13, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Bill of the American Railway Express Company for transportation of envelopes, cloth-lined, to Washington, March 20, 1919, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of 38¢.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 14, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of June 13th enclosing two proposals received for the purchase of a lot of old material on hand at the Mint, you are authorized to accept the bid of R.E.Cliggett & Son on the scrap brass, copper, lead and coin riddle; and that of Henry A. Hitner's Sons Co. on the scrap steel, cast iron, boiler tubes and aluminum, it being understood that these are the highest bids received in each case.

The proposals enclosed with your letter are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

M. W. Raisely

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encls.
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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 16, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of June 14th relative to the differences on assays of bullion shipments to New York, I beg to state that the question has now reached a point where no further action will be taken until the return of the Director of the Mint.

The Director has not yet had opportunity to look into the results of the assays made by this Bureau of the samples from the shipments of bullion from your Mint to New York.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 19, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 18th relative to the purchase of zinc. Your action in accepting the offer of Antoine Bournonville for 3000 pounds of zinc at 6¢ per pound is hereby approved.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

G-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 19, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith contract made with the Philadelphia Electric Company for furnishing electric current to operate the new Rennerfelt furnaces.

The original of this contract has been duly approved and forwarded to the Auditor for file.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 20, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In accordance with the recommendations contained in your letter of the 16th instant, you are hereby authorized to enter into contract with the following named firms to furnish your institution with supplies for the fiscal year 1920:-

JOHN R. ROWAND

	Per 100 lbs.
Charcoal, Pine, granulated	5.00
" " pulverized	5.00
" Oak granulated	4.00
" Pine lump, per bushel	.30

PAUL S. REEVES & CO.

	Per lb.
Castings, Brass, 1st grade	.36

FAIRMOUNT FOUNDRY CO.

	Per lb.
Castings, Iron, 1st grade	.06

DANIEL J. GRUGAN

	Per load
Hauling ashes, etc., 87 cu.ft. to load	2.50

AMERICAN ICE CO.

	Per 100 lbs.
Ice, manufactured plate	.46

PHILA. TOWEL SUPPLY & LAUNDRY CO.

	Per dozen
Laundry, towels and covers	.18

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 21, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 20th instant relative to shipping tags, beg to state that the Stationery Division has promised to rush this order as much as possible.

Respectfully,

M. W. Mellon

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 23, 1919.

Dear Mr. Joyce:-

This letter will introduce Mr. H. A. Harris, a member of the Internal Revenue Force.

Will you please extend to Mr. Harris and his party the courtesies of your institution and I will be obliged for your kindness.

Yours very truly,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. A.M. Joyce,
Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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June 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

S.F. Denv. N.Y.

Sir:-

Will you kindly prepare and forward your report covering the operations of your institution during the fis-
1920 cal year 1919 at as early a date in July as practicable. This is necessary because the Secretary of the Treasury requires information concerning our operations shortly after the close of the year.

The report should be in duplicate and I would appreciate a short description of all outstanding features of the year's operations, special reference being made to adopted improvements or new features which may be of general or service interest. New features should be explained somewhat in detail.

so stated that it may be

Statistical data classified as shown on pages 17 to 33 inclusive of annual report for the fiscal year 1917-18, should be forwarded for the fiscal year 1918-19, unless same are fully stated in regular quarterly or yearly report, which reports should be forwarded as soon as practicable. If errors have occurred in quarterly reports so that their aggregation will not produce correct yearly totals, such information as will effect reconciliation should be furnished. Melting and Refining Department and Coining Department operations should be reported on the new forms, forwarded the 2nd inst.

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If part of the data will not be available until later than July, please do not delay forwarding the remainder of the report.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 26, 1919.

Dear Mr. Joyce:-

I am enclosing herewith a photograph of the Peace Medal issued by Cartier of New York. If you have funds available of the amount authorized to be expended for the numismatic collection, will you please order one of these medals, in bronze, to be lent to the Bureau.

Yours very truly,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 26, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to confirm telephone communication of this day requesting you to take the necessary steps to forward to the Mint at San Francisco the dismantled electric furnace.

The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco has been authorized to expend from his 1919 contingent appropriation the amount necessary to cover the transportation and installation of the furnace. For this reason it will be necessary to have the shipment undertaken this month.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 27, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The next time your Assayer is preparing parting silver I would thank you to have him cast a small bar, about 10 oz., and roll it out into a strip to be sent here the next time we send for parting silver.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

G-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 27, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of June 26th, relative to the minor coinage metal, your action in accepting the bid of Antoine Bournonville for five tons of zinc at 7 1/2¢ per pound is hereby approved.

Your report relative to the effort to deal with the Salvage Board has been noted with interest.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 27, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of June 26th, you are hereby authorized to accept the bid received from Streeter, Hackney & Company to furnish you with 45 dozen pairs of men's chamois gloves at the rate of $11.00 per dozen pairs, this being the lower of only two bids received.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 26, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to the Peruvian discs which it was proposed to have manufactured at your institution, it was decided to have the 200,000 ordered for the Cerro de Pasco Copper Corporation prepared at the Mint at Denver.

Will you please cause to be forwarded to that institution a specimen disc together with minute instructions as to the fineness and all other details you think it necessary to supply to the Superintendent to assist him in manufacturing the discs.

The 25,000 discs you now have on hand are to be held by you pending our receipt of authority from the Secretary to release the same to the Cerro de Pasco Copper Corporation.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 28, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of June 27th, you are authorized to accept the proposal of the International Nickel Company to furnish your Mint with 50,000 pounds ofscreened shot nickel at 38.525¢ per pound, the lower of two bids received on the grade of nickel required.

Respectfully,

M Preskitt

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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June 30, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

You are hereby authorized to enter into contract for the following oils to be furnished your Mint for the fiscal year 1920:-

The Texas Company.

	Per gal.
Engine Oil	$0.22½

The O. F. Zurn Co.

Cylinder Oil	.59
Machine Oil	.34
Rolling Mill Oil	.36
Mold Oil	.13½

Respectfully,

W. McKelle

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 30, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to confirm telephone communication of this day authorizing you to accept proposals which will incur expenditure of the following amounts from the contingent appropriation of your mint for the fiscal year 1919, it being understood that the above bids are the lowest received or cover the articles best adapted for the use to which they are to be put:-

1 #2 "Gardner" ball-bearing Disc Grinder,	Monarch Machinery Co.	$ 797.00
1 #16 Ransom double-wheel dry grinding machine,	Sherritt & Stoerr Co.	340.00
1 16" x 16" Rolling Mill, including 1 pair rolls,	Waterbury Farrel Fdry.& Mach. Co.	8000.00
1 14" x 6 ft. Hendey-Norton Lathe, with taper attachment.	Sherritt & Stoerr Co.	1205.00
1 48" x 48" x 12 ft. Gray Spiral-geared Planer.	Swind Machinery Co.	8775.00
1 Lodge & Shipley Engine Lathe, 60" x 14 ft., with extra taper attachment.	W.E.Shipley Mach. Co.	8909.00
1 Champion 20" upright drilling machine	Sherritt & Stoerr Co.	150.00
2 Kron Automatic Springless Dial Scales	American Kron Scale Co.	946.50
1 Conveyor Installation for strips, ingots and pigs.	Standard Conveyor Co.	12000.00
1 Planchet Conveyor System	Charles Bond Co.	7549.00
4 Electric Induction Furnaces, for deposit melting including electrical appurtenances and installation	Pyrolectric Instrument Co.	9360.00
1 Pyrometric Apparatus with attachments.	Pyrolectric Instrument Co.	219.50
1 #17 Heating machine and 1 #2 Bench Forge	American Gas Furnace Co.	1230.00

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1 Motor, 175 HP for 16" rolling mill, complete	Crocker-Wheeler Co.	$6500.00
2 Motors, 50 HP for 10" rolling mills, complete	Crocker-Wheeler Co.	1970.00
6 Motors, 7½ HP for coin presses, complete	Crocker-Wheeler Co.	1848.00
Carbon steel forgings, for building 6 coin presses	S.A.Ashman & Son Co.	1125.00

For use in building these 6 coin presses and 2 10" rolling mills, you are also authorized to purchase under your present annual contract, the following castings:

Iron	Fairmount Foundry Co.	4591.56
Brass	Paul S. Reeves & Co.	2717.64

For general stores, the following:-

Brass sheet, brass bars and brass pipe, from bids received, approximating	255.00
Steel, machine and cold-rolled, and wrought iron, various sizes, as per bids received, approximating	325.00

Respectfully,

W. McChesney

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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June 30, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Will you please forward to the San Francisco Mint fifty pairs of one cent dies, twenty one cent collars for large ring and ten one cent collars for medium ring.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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June 30, 1919.

Superintendent Mint of U. S.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 "Contingent Appropriation" in amounts as indicated.

The American Railway Express Company - Transportation on revolvers from Washington, D. C. November 21, 1918 $1.64

Pennsylvania Railroad Company - Transportation on paste from Washington, D. C. April 5, 1919 $0.50

Respectfully,

N. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 2, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter received from the Chief of Ordnance, War Department, relative to the manufacture of medals.

Will you please advise the Bureau if it is practicable for you to have the engraving executed as indicated in this letter, or do you wish the Bureau to advise the Ordnance Department that the engraving of the individual medals must be done on the outside. Before replying to the War Department the Bureau will await your advice.

Respectfully,

N. McRill

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

July 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;-

I beg to confirm telephone communication of this date stating that you are authorized to release to the Cerro de Pasco Copper Corporation the 25,000 Peruvian discs you have on hand.

Respectfully,

R. M. Woolley

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-J.

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July 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

You are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the Bell Coal Company to supply your Mint with coal for the fiscal year 1920, at the rate of $6.69 per ton.

It is noted that this is the second lowest bid, but the award is made for the reasons stated in your letter to the effect that the best interests of the Government will be served by accepting the coal supplied by the Bell Coal Company.

Respectfully,

A. M. C. Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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July 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to advise you that the Secretary has approved the recommendation for increased compensation of Christopher O'Neill, Watchman in your institution at a compensation of $900. per annum, effective April 18, 1919.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

July 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal years 1919 and 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries,	$10,000.
Wages of workmen,	90,000.
Contingent expense (1920)	10,000.
Increased compensation, 1920	15,000.
Contingent expense (1919)	10,000.
Total,	$135,000.

Respectfully,

A. N. Rudd,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

July 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to ypur statement of coinage during June 1919, I find the minor coinage reported as follows:-

5¢	Nickels	$299,200.00
1¢	Bronze	596,640.00
	Total ..	$895,840.00

The Cashier's statements rendered daily during June reports the aggregate coinage delivered to him as follows:-

5¢	Nickels	$306,220.00
1¢	Bronze	589,620.00
	Total ..	$895,840.00

There appears to be a transposition of $7,020.00 between the nickel and bronze deliveries, probably on the Cashier's statement of June 2nd.

Please advise the Bureau so that the records may be corrected.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 7, 1919.

Superintendent, U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Superintendent, U.S.Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to your letters of recent date giving a list of employees in the service and recommending certification by the Secretary of the Treasury that each of the above named persons is entitled to the additional compensation of $240.00, I beg to enclose herewith a copy of the decision rendered by the Comptroller of the Treasury bearing on this subject.

Pleas be guided accordingly.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

July 8, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of letter forwarded you on June 26th relative to the manufacture at the Denver Mint of the discs for the Peruvian Government.

This letter will be authority for you to forward to the Mint at Denver the necessary additional equipment to be used in preparing the discs.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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July 8, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of June 27th, requesting that new form of bonds be prepared for the employees indicated therein, I beg to advise that the following gentlemen were not included in the list although their bonds expire August 1919, and the Bureau wishes to be informed if you desire to have new form of bonds prepared for them:-

McFadden, Dominick
Whitton, James H.

Kindly also advise this office if you wish a new form of bond prepared for Mr. Dennis Condron, who was included in the above mentioned list but whose bond does not expire until March 1921.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

July 9, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a copper coin left by Mr. Henry Gleaves Gray of Tupelo, Mississippi, a soldier who has just returned from Germany.

He states that the coin was given him by a German who extracted it from a bronze box found at the base of a destroyed bridge. Will you please have Mr. Comparette examine the coin and with its return suggest whether it has any value as a numismatic piece.

Please register it and return as the owner regards it as valuable.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-J.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

July 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your telephone inquiry of the 9th inst., I beg to enclose herewith a copy of a letter dated July 3rd relative to the delivery to the Cerro de Pasco Copper Corporation of the 25,000 Peruvian discs you have onhand.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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July 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please cause an invoice covering 50 ounces of proof gold and 100 ounces of silver to be forwarded to the Bureau.

As soon as the invoice is received request will be made for the transfer of the value to the United States Assay Office at New York.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

July 16, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Bureau an invoice covering 50 ounces of proof gold for the Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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July 17, 1919.

Supt. U.S.Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" " " " San Francisco, Cal.
" " " " Denver, Colorado.
" U.S.A.O. New York, New York.

Gentlemen:-

I enclose 8 samples of crude bullion and would thank you to have duplicate assays for gold and base metal made on each sample and report the results to this office. I would also thank you to return the cornets and base beads in the envelope containing the corresponding samples and to state the composition of the proofs and the amount of lead used in each case and to give the proof figures.

These bullions are approximately 500 fine in gold and 300 fine in silver.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

July 17, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

You are hereby authorized to purchase from the Scoville Manufacturing Company 200,000 pounds of bronze blanks at 44-3/8¢ per lb. and 100,000 pounds of nickel blanks at 62¢ per lb., it being understood that the blanks are to be forwarded by freight and that the freight charges are covered by the above prices.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 17, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

You are hereby authorized to prepare at the Mint in Philadelphia, iron work for the construction of six melting furnaces and 12 sets of lining for the same, and to purchase 100 crucibles, No. 70, to be forwarded with other equipment to the Mint in Manila for the Philippine Government. This is in addition to the equipment previously authorized to be prepared at your Mint for the Manila Mint.

Respectfully,

W. M. Ross

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 17, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please advise the Bureau at your convenience as to the unfilled orders for foreign coins now before you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

July 17, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;-

Replying to your inquiry of yesterday concerning stationery ordered June 20th, I have to advise that the Division of Printing & Stationery states that the contractor for bags reports that same will be shipped July 19th by freight. The stationery will be shipped today from Washington.

The envelopes have been ordered from the contractor with request to expedite delivery, and the log sheets, form 849, are in the hands of the printer.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 17, 1919.

Supt. U.S.Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" " " " San Francisco, Cal.
" " " " Denver, Colorado.
" U.S.A.O. New York, N.Y.
Assayer in Charge, U.S.A.O., Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith I am forwarding two copies of Treasury Department circular No. 84, dated July 5, 1919.

Please note that reports are required by paragraph three to be made about the first of November next. Such reports should be forwarded to this office.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

V-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

July 18, 1919.

Dear Mr. Joyce:-

I am returning herewith Mr. Meredith's account and beg to request that you will call his attention to the fact that it will be necessary for him to render two accounts, one covering the fiscal year 1919 and another account for the fiscal year 1920.

Will you also instruct Mr. Meredith, to attach a copy of the amended letter, herein enclosed, permitting him to render his account at the rate of $4.00 a day in lieu of subsistence expenses, to his accounts.

Yours very truly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encls.
O-L

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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July 18, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a list of surplus raw materials and scrap on hand at the War Department and respectfully invite your attention to the cupro-nickel on page 3. This material appears to be held in various forms. Will you kindly once again review this list and advise the Bureau if you think it would be to the best interest of the Mint Service to purchase any of this nickel-cupro. If not will you kindly advise the Bureau of the objections to it in order that our record may be complete in case further inquiries are received from the War Department. The Bureau will be glad to have you express any objections to this material on account of the shape in which it is received, quality or the impracticability of handling it with economy in the electric furnace.

The Ordnance Department, War Department, has been requested to communicate with the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York in regard to the silver scrap listed on page 2.

It is the desire of this Department to assist the War Department in absorbing the surplus supplies as far as practicable with the proper interests of the Mint Service in view.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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July 18, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Herewith I am returning bill of the Scoville Manufacturing Company covering difference between freight and express rates on coinage blanks, with the information that the freight rate of 32¢ per hundred pounds and express rate of $1.10 per 100 pounds, used in making computation on this bill, are correct.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

E-L
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

July 19, 1919.

Superintendent, U.S.Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Superintendent, U.S.A.O.,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Will you please advise the Bureau, at your earliest convenience of the approximate amount of gold bars sold by you for consumption in the arts, during the calendar year 1918 and so far during 1919.

For the purpose of this inquiry approximate figures will be satisfactory.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 19, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Your bill against the Post Office Department, forwarded in June, for the sum of $780.70, on account of manufacture of embossed envelope dies, has been settled, the amount having been covered into the Treasury by CD11826, dated July 9, 1919, to your credit and to the credit of your appropriations as follows:-

Wages of workmen, Mint at Philadelphia 1919 ----------	$697.39
Contingent expense, Mint at Philadelphia 1919 ---------	83.31
Total ----------	$780.70

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

July 21, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of July 18th, you are authorized to accept the proposal of R. B. Seidel to supply your mint with 150 graphite crucible covers at the rate of $1.95 each.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

July 22, 1910.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Your account forwarded July 3rd, in favor of the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, for one Catalogue of Coins and Medals, $1.00, has been placed on file in this office and in lieu thereof I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Cabalogue to replace the one being used in the Engraving Department of your Institution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F.L.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

July 23, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the amounts indicated:-

Pennsylvania Railroad, Eastern Lines, - graphite electrodes from Niagara Falls, April 21, '19 --- $11.80

American Railway Express Co. - electrical armatures to Crocker Wheeler Company, Ampere, New Jersey, August 9, 1918 ---------- $1.55
and plaster cast of R.E.Wooley medal to Washington, Feb. 17, 1919 - .52
total ---------- $2.07

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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July 23, 1919.

Supt. U.S.Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" " " San Francisco, Cal.
" " " Denver, Colorado.
" U.S.A.O., New York, N. Y.

Subject: Check disbursements and the handling of checks.

Gentlemen:-

In the interest of improved business methods it is directed that the following general principles be observed in future, and that where they are not already in effect they be put into effect at once.

1. Encourage depositors who now call personally to receive check payments, to have the checks mailed to them. This is in line with all modern business practice, including our own with respect to payment for supplies, etc; will enable the Cashiers to better control and arrange their work, and save much time for the depositors. This is now practiced to a considerable degree but can be profitably extended. In such cases depositors would have to forego taking receipts for the bullion deposited (form 7), and memo's (form 1024) would issue instead. Placards posted at the Weigh Clerk's and Cashier's windows, stating that arrangments can be made for the mailing of checks, would doubtless be useful for the purpose.

2. Do not draw any check until there is prospect of reasonably early delivery of same, or until all required evidence to support the payment is in hand (such as for an amount due a deceased employee, where evidence as to person entitled to receive payment, form 229, is required). The indefinite holding of drawn checks is not good accounting practice. Undelivered checks are not in fact disbursements; however, it is not intended by this to prohibit the claiming of credit on all drawn but undelivered checks, but to emphasize what is their proper use. Effort should be made to keep undelivered drawn checks at a minimum, using the mails, after a reasonable time, for attempted delivery unless directed to the contrary by payees.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

R-L

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July 23, 1919.

Superintendent, U.S.Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" " " " San Francisco, Cal.
" " " " Denver, Colorado.
" U.S.A.O., New York, N.Y.
Assayer in Charge, U.S.A.O., Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen,-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of Department Form 2166 covering information as to personnel.

If you have not on hand a stock of this form will you please advise this Bureau immediately.

In forwarding recommendations for appointments, temporary and permanent, please see that this form accompanys them in every instance.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

G-L
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

July 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Bills as below, covering transportation of minor coin, are forwarded herewith for payment from the profits on minor coinage in the amounts indicated:-

B/1/34	American Ry. Exp. Co.	$492.63
B/4/109	do	96.11
B/4/112	do	61.95
B/4/450	do	466.59
B/4/453	do	1763.16

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encls.
PL

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

July 25, 1919.

Supt. U.S.Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" do San Francisco, Calif.
" do Denver, Colorado.
" U.S.A.C., New York, N.Y.
Assayer in Charge, U.S.A.C., Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen:-

Your attention is invited to the provisions of Section 5 of the Deficiency Appropriation Act approved March 4, 1915, which requires the Department to submit to Congress on the first day of the session following the close of the fiscal year a statement relative to typewriting and other machines procured through exchange. The section referred to reads as follows:-

"That the executive departments and other Government establishments and all branches of the public service may hereafter exchange typewriters, adding machines, and other similar labor saving devices in part payment for new machines used for the same purpose as those proposed to be exchanged. There shall be submitted to Congress, on the first day of the session following the close of each fiscal year, a report showing, as to each exchange hereunder, the make of the article, the period of its use, the allowance therefor, and the article, make thereof, and price, including exchange value, paid or to be paid for each article procured through such exchange."

You are requested to prepare and forward to this Bureau at your earliest convenience a statement covering the above described machines purchased by you for the period from July 1, 1918 to June 30, 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

July 24, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I would thank you to supply your complete assay record of the following bars in shipment No. 4 to New York, samples of which have been assayed in the Bureau laboratory: 1460, 1604, 2046, 2417, 2418, 2510, 2583, MM.3, following No. 2061 and MM 8, following No. 2963. Also, a complete record of these two mass melts showing the weight and assay of each individual bar and the fine oz. of gold and silver in each, together with the total fine oz. gold and silver in each melt as thus calculated, and as shown by your weight and assay of the melt.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FFD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

July 26, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the contracts for general supplies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920 and beg to refer you to a letter of the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, forwarded to your Mint on May 9, 1919, which requires that all contracts to which the Treasury Department or a branch thereof is a party shall contain the provision therein cited.

Please cause copy of this provision to be attached to each of the contracts, signed and forwarded to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encls.
O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

July 30, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

My attention has been called to the fact that since the close of the settlement it became necessary for you to break the joint seal of the large vault for the purpose of removing gold for export. I appreciate that you regard my representative as sufficiently qualified to act for me in this matter but as a matter of information for the Bureau I would prefer to have you advise this office and obtain authority previous to breaking a joint seal on any of the vaults.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Washington,
July 31, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia.

Forward San Francisco Mint forty pairs one cent dies six nickel collars for large ring four nickel collars for medium ring.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

Cent. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

L BUSINESS.
ERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ?
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

July 30, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to confirm telephone communication of this date authorizing you to enter into contract for 400,000 lbs. of bronze discs and 200,000 lbs. of nickel discs to be delivered to you by the Scovill Manufacturing Company.

Please advise the Bureau of the rates at which the blanks will be delivered to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 1, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Bills as below, covering transportation of minor coin, are forwarded herewith for payment from the profits on minor coinage in the amounts indicated:-

B/5/231	American Ry. Exp. Co.	$2217.35
B/5/233	" " " "	1241.66

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 4, 1919.

Supt., U.S.Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" do San Francisco, Cal.
" do Denver, Colorado.
" U.S.A.O., New York, N.Y.
Assayer in Charge, U.S.A.O., Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed herewith find blank forms to be used in submitting estimates of the appropriations for the fiscal year 1921. Accompanying the estimate blanks is a printed page in the Book of Estimates for 1920, which form should be closely followed as to style and arrangement in preparing the estimates for the fiscal year 1921.

To support your request for increase of funds in any case, please supply the Bureau with a substantial letter which may be sent to the Secretary to emphasize the necessity for larger funds for your office.

This office is required to have the estimates beforethe Secretary on or before Sept. 2nd, but <u>not later than that date</u>. It will be evident to you that one institution delinquent in forwarding the estimates can suspend the work of the Bureau in compiling the totals. As the compilation requires some time, it will be appreciated if you will forward the estimates as promptly as possible.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encls.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of August 4th, I beg to request that you forward to the Bureau a copy of the order of the Director of the Mint authorizing the discontinuance of the full use of form 963.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith 18.65 ounces of silver reduced from chloride, for which I would thank you to return an equivalent in a strip of silver for parting, as designated in my letter of June 27th, and the balance in granulated silver for parting or all in granulations if the strip is not ready.

There are also enclosed 25.35 grams of cornets, for which I would thank you to return an equivalent in proof gold in strips.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 6, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of August 5th, you are authorized to subscribe for the July 1919 and the January 1920 editions of the Rand McNally Bankers Directory and the Bankers Register (combined), at the Publisher's price of $18.00 for the two editions.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

G-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 6, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received today from the War Department, to which attention has been invited by the Director of Sales, Purchase, Storage and Traffic Division.

It is requested that a few impressions from any medal dies that you have available be attempted and that the samples of medals made from this cupro nickel be forwarded at the earliest possible moment to the Director of Sales, Purchase, Storage and Traffic Division, War Department.

The Bureau is advised that the Fine Arts Commission will meet within a few days to decide on the details of the new Victory Medal and it is very desirable that specimens of the pieces struck from the cupro nickel be forwarded as early as possible.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-L
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 6, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In reply to your request of the 4th inst., I am forwarding by mail today 375 copies of Form 1009, Distribution of Personal Services, and an additional supply will be forwarded when received from the Printer.

The Bureau records show that 1500 copies of this form was mailed your Mint on January 3rd, as requested.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AMI-RL

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter received from Mr. H. N. Lawrie, relative to the cost of gold and silver coinage. Will you please cause the information asked for in paragraphs marked 1 and 2, to be sent to the Bureau at your convenience.

It is understood that the cost of coinage for gold and silver shall cover the period in which the coinage operations actually took place.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of August 6th regarding Form 963, will you please forward to the Bureau a copy of your letter of October 26, 1916, to which you refer in that letter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to call your attention to reference of the 16th ultimo on letter from the Civil Service Commission dated July 12th, inquiring whether Mr. Thomas Grace had been given the designation of Watchman, and if so that he be requested to fill out Form 375 mailed him on May 15, 1919, or whether Mr. Grace is retained on the rolls with the designation of Machinist.

The Bureau will appreciate an early reply to the inquiry of the Civil Service Commission.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

G-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 8, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of August 7th, that you be advised as to the amount of Philippine coinage made at the Mint at San Francisco during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1919, the following is submitted:-

			Pieces
Silver	50	centavos	1,200,000
"	20	"	3,305,000
"	10	"	6,610,000
Nickel	5	"	2,000,000
Bronze	1	"	7,600,000
Total			20,715,000

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL

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Your

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August 9, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal years 1919 and 1920 have been approved in the following sums:-

Contingent Expenses, -----	1919,	---$6,000.00
Salaries ----------	1920,	--- 4,000.00
Wages of Workmen --------	1920,	---60,000.00
Contingent Expenses, ----	1920,	---10,000.00
Increased Comp. Treas. Dt	1920,	---10,000.00
		90,000.00

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 11, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 24th ultimo, regarding shipment No. 4, to New York, I would repeat my request to you to state the total fine ounces of gold and silver calculated to be in each melt, and the amounts shown by your weight and assay of the corresponding melt.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.D.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 11, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 9th, transmitting gold and silver:- Your letter says "strip proof silver" was sent, but the Bureau requested "parting silver", some in strip form, if you had it, and the balance in granulations, or the whole in granulations if the strip was not ready. The shipment contained a strip of silver and some granulations. I would thank you to state whether the strip was parting silver, as asked for, or proof silver.

The proof gold as stated was duly received.

Respectfully,

A. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

FTD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 14, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be forwarded to the Mint at Denver thirty obverse and twenty reverse five-cent dies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 14, 1919.

Sir:

In view of the variations in silver shown in the recent shipments of crude bullion from the Philadelphia Mint to New York, and in view of the positive statements of the Assayers of both institutions regarding the advantages of humid methods, I beg to request that your Assayer be invited to confer upon this matter with the Assayer of the New York Assay Office and draw up a detailed description of the methods for presentation to the meeting of the Assayers with a view to adopting a uniform method of procedure in all the offices of the service for the determination of silver in crude bullion.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 15, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized, in case you are requested to do so, to manufacture master dies for miniatures of the War Department Medals referred to in the letter of General Jervey, which was submitted to you by reference on August 13th.

It is understood that the master dies are to remain in the Mint and that copies are to be sold to commercial firms requiring them.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 18, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendations contained in your telephone communication of this day you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of Nathan Trotter to supply your Mint with 2048 pounds of tin at 59 cents per pound, to fill an emergency need for this metal.

You are also authorized to accept the following offers of minor coinage metals, it being understood that the prices are the lowest of those received:-

Nathan Trotter, 10,000 lbs. tin at $0.565 per lb.

Vogelstein & Co., 500,000 pounds of copper at $0.2345.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Aug. 18, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following items pertaining to your accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1919, are brought to attention:

Assay reports on deposits numbers 3937 and 3938 are not found, and deposit certificate number 3938 does not agree with the value carried on abstract sheet as a result of correcting transposition. The vouchers in this office seem to indicate an overpayment on this deposit of $86.98.

The total minor metals debit, per the accounts, appears to be 50 ounces greater than was certified to the settlement committee, although other items check with the settlement figures.

Please forward formal voucher covering the minor wastage, similar to the one covering the silver wastage, to accompany the accounts to the Auditor.

An error of $5 excess in addition of the salaries appropriation column on June schedule of disbursements is matched by a compensating error in the Increased Compensation appropriation column; these errors are carried to the account current, one copy of which is enclosed herewith for correction.

Please forward necessary vouchers to support the amount collected on account of sale of old material, $422.

April and May schedules of revenue are returned for amendment to include receipts from sale of medals.

Vouchers No. 93 to 102 inclusive are returned for approval of the Superintendent and certification as to rendition of service; these pertain to distribution of minor coin.

April voucher No. 638 is for hauling and labor from Oct. 6 to Dec. 16, 1918, $138.50. Please forward itemized statement to support this voucher, for attachment thereto; vouchers should always be itemized.

April voucher No. 648 in favor of Robt. Patterson & Son carries an item of cement, the unit price and extension of which cannot be checked with the quotation; please furnish such additional information as required.

April voucher No. 673 in favor of C. F. Zurn Co. does not carry the number of gallons of lardoleum received, and as the unit price is per gallon the extension cannot be verified.

May vouchers No. 712, 714 and 725 are unsupported by subvoucher covering auto hire between Winstead and Torrington, Conn.; see paragraph 27 on page 12 of travel regulations.

June voucher No. 778 is unsupported by accepted quotation; letter attached to said voucher is returned herewith.

June voucher No. 807 in favor of Tolhurst Machine Works is stated at $15 less than the accepted quotation calls for; is this amount still due the firm.

June voucher No. 839 for copper colanders carries an extra charge of $51 which is unsupported by authorization; please forward same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Aug. 20, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward the papers called for by paragraph 11 of instructions on reverse of enclosed certificate of shipment, particularly noting for present and future guidance the parts checked and underscored in blue. These subvouchers should accompany the certificate of shipment for guidance of the Auditor in his consideration of the claim. The claim is being held in this office pending receipt of the requested papers.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 20, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.
Superintendent, U.S.Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.
Assayer in Charge, U.S.Assay Office,
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith statements submitted by the assayers of the institutions to be represented at the forthcoming conference covering the methods employed at the respective laboratories. There is also enclosed a statement by the Assayer of this Bureau.

Will you please submit the papers to the Assayer of your institution, for his review, and to be referred to when the conference takes place.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 20, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please request Mr. Coleman to make a written report to you covering his visit to the Portsmouth Navy Yard to witness melting processes employed at that station, and upon receipt of the report please forward the same to the Bureau, with comments.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 20, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of August 19, relative to the letter from this Bureau authorizing the purchase of tin at 59¢, will you please return the same to the Bureau for correction.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Aug. 21, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith find bills for transportation of minor coin, forwarded for payment in the sums indicated:

American Ry. Express Co.,	No. B/5/365	$ 105.79
do	B/4/113	802.95
do	B/5/364	382.70
do	B/6/41	3,123.89
do	B/5/366	1,157.22
do	B/6/ 80	1,785.23

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 22, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Will you please cause to be prepared for the Mint at San Francisco twenty (20) obverse One Cent Dies, and fifty (50) reverse One Cent dies. Please make partial shipments if you are crowded with other orders.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 22, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose silver bar weighing 64.30 ounces, resulting from the melting of special assay coin scrap for the first half of 1919.

I would thank you to forward the usual memo of its value so that it may distributed among the mints.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 25, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York has advised the Bureau that September 3rd would be mutually agreeable for a meeting of the Assayer of the Mint with the Assayer of the Assay Office, meeting to take place in Philadelphia.

To be used in connection with the matters to be discussed at the meeting, will you please deliver to your assayer the enclosed statement covering the assays of samples from Shipment No. 4.

Respectfully,

M. W. Gray

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 25, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose 24.30 grams of separated gold for which I would thank you to return an equivalent in proof gold in strips.

Respectfully,

M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

FPD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 26, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant requesting authority to sell boxes in which minor coin blanks are being received, I beg to say that the boxes would appear to be of more value to you as kindling wood, and I would suggest that they be broken up and used for that purpose.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 27, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith correspondence received from the State Department relative to proposed Cuban coinage. On account of the demands upon your Mint for Venezuelan, Salvadorean and Siamese coinage, which will tax you until late in October, it is thought possible the Cuban Government may be induced to accept this coinage from Denver Mint. With that plan in view, will you please advise me what you think the charges should be for the coinage desired. The Denver Mint will be instructed to do the coinage, all conditions being finally favorable to such an arrangement, at the rates you estimate. In preparing the estimate it is presumed you will have in mind the rates charged by you when previous orders for coins for Cuba were executed at your Mint.

Please hasten return of the enclosed letters with your estimate as to cost, and quantity of each metal required; also, advise me as to the necessary work on dies that will be required.

Respectfully,

[illegible] the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 29, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Confirming telephone communication of the 27th instant I beg to approve the acceptance of the bid of the United Metals Selling Company, covering the delivery to your Mint of 500,000 pounds of electrolytic copper at the rate of 23¼¢ per lb., the award being made to this firm for the reason that 10% of the amount of copper ordered is to be supplied in low bridge 10-lb. ingots.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 29, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge with thanks your letter of the 27th instant enclosing proof gold in exchange for 24.30 grams of separated gold sent from the Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. M. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

September 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Will you kindly advise me as to the detailed expenses for distribution of minor coinage during the fiscal year 1916, to conform with table on page 22 of annual report for last year. The schedules of vouchers carrying these details are filed in the Auditor's Office and there is nothing in this office from which the details can be obtained.

Also kindly advise me as to the data needed for preparation of table on pages 28 and 29 of last year's report, covering fineness of bar melts for fine bars made during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1919.

With reference to form No. 900, Melting and Refining Department Operation and Settlement Statement, I beg to advise for your future guidance, that the item "amount operated upon" is intended to be used for indicating the amount of metal actually operated upon and not for indicating the total of the items which precede it. Please advise me as to the amounts of metal actually operated upon during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1919.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

September 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Responding to your request of September 4th, you are hereby authorized to call for bids for the removal of the stack in the deposit melting room and to incur the expenses necessary to close the openings in the floors, ceilings and roof through which the stack now passes.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

September 6, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to advise that the Secretary of the Treasury has approved your recommendation for payment of the increased compensation to the following named employees in accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of August 30th:-

Reiss, Gustav A.
McGurr, John J.
Gassel, Jacob.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

September 8, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal years 1920 and 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$5,000.00
Wages of workmen, -----	50,000.00
Contingent expense 1920	10,000.00
" " 1919	8,000.00
Increased compensation	10,000.00
Total, ----------	$83,000.00

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Sept. 9, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at Denver twenty pairs of One Cent coinage dies as soon as convenient.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Sept. 9, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of September 8th, you are hereby authorized to purchase from Miller, Bain, Beyer & Company 3,000 yards of 45" drilling, to be used in the manufacture of $1 coin bags at the rate of 45 cents per yard.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Sept, 10, 1919.

Supt. U.S.Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" U.S.Mint, San Francisco, Cal.
" U.S.A.O., New York, N. Y.
Assayer in Charge, U.S.A.O., Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen:-

The following is a copy of an article covering the attaching of internal revenue stamps to premiums paid on personal bonds, forwarded with the request that you instruct the employees of your offices to call attention to the bonding companies of their obligation to attach these stamps:-

"ART. 25 - WHAT PREMIUMS TAXABLE; NOTATION TO BE MADE ON RENEWAL OR CONTINUANCE CERTIFICATES AND STAMPS TO BE AFFIXED THERETO: - Where a premium is paid after April 1, 1919, for the issuance of execution after said date, or for the renewing or the continuing in force after said date, regardless of the date of original issuance or execution, of any bond or policy designated in Schedule A2, the tax due upon such premium payment must be paid by internal-revenue stamps. The renewal or continuance certificate or other paper showing the renewal or continuance of such bond or policy or the receipt of other paper showing the payment of any premium or charge for the renewal or continuance of such bond or policy must contain on the face thereof a statement showing the rate and amount of the premium charged and collected, and the bonding company or other person issuing or executing such certificate, receipt, or paper must affix thereto the necessary amount of stamps based upon the premium charged, canceling the same".

I am returning herewith the receipts for premiums forwarded by your institution under recent date, for attaching of internal revenue stamp.

Respectfully,

D. H. Crowley

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
O-1.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

September 11, 1919.

Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of an article on gold assaying, being sent to you for transmission to your assayer in accordance with the suggestion of the Assayer of the Bureau. Dr. Dewey thought the paper might have some matter of interest to your Assayers.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Sept. 11, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

With reference to your letter of Sept. 5th concerning error of one cent in the wages payroll for the period July 1-15, I beg to advise that the correction indicated will be made in this office.

Respectfully,

M McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Sept. 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

With reference to your letter of the 6th instant, forwarding your vouchers covering disbursements during the month of August, I have to advise that the abstract sheet did not accompany such vouchers. Kindly forward same.

Respectfully,

M. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Sept. 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the amounts indicated:-

Pennsylvania Railroad Company, stationery from Washington and printed tags from Washington, July 26, 1919,--- $2.17

American Railway Express Company - transportation of aluminum sheet from Niagara Falls, Oct. 9, 1918, ---- $ .81
and transportation of coin bags from Philadelphia to New Orleans Mint, April 10, 1919, ---------- $11.95

American Railway Express Company - transportation of coin counters to Brooklyn, New York, September 11, 1918, --- $1.93

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Sept. 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of September 10th, you are authorized to purchase from the Scovill Manufacturing Company 225,000 pounds of bronze blanks and 125,000 pounds of nickel blanks in addition to those already ordered, it being understood the prices to be paid in as follows:-

	Freight	Express
Bronze Blanks	48-3/8¢ per lb.	49-3/8¢ per lb.
Nickel "	65¢ " "	66¢ " "

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

T-O

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Sept. 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter received from the Borden's Condensed Milk Company relative to the issuing of a duplicate medal. Will you please advise me if we are allowed to issue this duplicate and if not what instructions should be given the Borden's Condensed Milk Company.

Please return the enclosed with your reply.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Sept. 16, 1919.

Supt., U.S.Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" " " " San Francisco, Cal.
" " " " Denver, Colorado.
" U.S.A.O., New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Please take steps for early settlement, so far as possible, of such bills as remain unpaid pertaining to the appropriations of the fiscal year 1919. The unexpended balances under said appropriations should be covered into the Treasury not later than September 30th.

At the time such balances are covered into the Treasury please forward schedule of encumbrances remaining unliquidated.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Sept. 18, 1919.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

You are hereby authorized and requested to come to Washington for a conference with this Bureau on business connected with your institution.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for "Contingent expense, Mint at Philadelphia 1920".

Respectfully,

M. W. Kellogg

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Sept. 19, 1919.

Supt. U.S.Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" " " " San Francisco, Cal.
" " " " Denver, Colorado.
" U.S.A.O., New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I enclose 8 samples of crude bullion and would thank you to have duplicate assays for gold and base metal made on each sample and report the results to this office. I would also thank you to return the cornets and base beads in the envelope containing the corresponding samples and to state the composition of the proofs and the amount of lead used in each case and to give the proof figures.

These bullions are approximately 740 fine in gold and 170 fine in silver.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

K-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Sept. 19, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please forward to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Denver, 12 five cent collars for large presses, as soon as convenient.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Sept. 20, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter received from the Art Alliance of America.

Will you please return this letter with what information you can supply the Bureau as to the appropriate reply to be made to the society.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Sept. 20, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please forward to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at San Francisco, thirty pairs of One Cent dies for use in his institution.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

September 22, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please cause an invoice covering 10 ounces of proof gold to be forwarded to the Bureau.

As soon as the invoice is received request will be made for the transfer of the value to the United States Assay Office at Seattle.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Sept. 27, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

This office does not appear to have received from you the Report of Absence and Efficiency for the month of August. If such report has been forwarded will you please supply us with a copy.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

September 29, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of September 2nd, replying to a letter of H. N. Lawrie of the American Mining Congress relative to the cost of manufacturing coin, I beg to say that Mr. Lawrie has advanced the inquiry as to why the cost of dimes exceeds the cost of manufacturing half dollars and quarter dollars. The Bureau has given Mr. Lawrie the average cost based on the amounts given in your letter of Sept. 2nd.

Have you any theory to advance that we may reply to Mr. Lawrie. The Bureau is anxious to have this information as accurate as possible as it is proposed by Mr. Lawrie to use it in a public manner.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

September 29, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of September 27th recommending an increase in compensation for employees, I beg to state that Mr. John W. Kain has been receiving the increased compensation and it is not necessary to have him re-certified. With that exception your letter has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury for favorable action.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

September 29, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to letter addressed you this day in regard to coinage costs given to Mr. Lawrie, will you please advise the Bureau of the cost of coining dimes, nickels and cents, based on present conditions.

Please see your letter of August 1919 making reply to inquiry of Professor Kemmerer of Princeton University as to cost of coinage for the United States as well as the Philippines and Cuba.

Respectfully,

M. McReily

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

September 29, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of September 25th requesting that a new bond be prepared for execution by Mr. H. A. Powell in order that he might take advantage of a lower rate offered to him, I beg to state that regulations of the Treasury Department carry this paragraph:-

"Official bonds are required by law to be renewed every four years. Renewal at more frequent intervals for the purpose of substituting one corporate company for another will not be permitted."

As Mr. Powell's bond will be due for renewal next year, I suggest that further action be delayed until that time when Mr. Powell will, of course, be free to change his company.

Regretting that we cannot assist you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Q-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Sept. 30, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith to be restored to the numismatic collection of the Mint, the Cartier Peace Medal, which you kindly lent to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

September 30, 1910.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Bills as below covering transportation of minor coin, are forwarded herewith for payment from the profits on minor coinage in the amounts indicated:-

B/7/12	American Railway Exp. Co.	$1686.99
B/7/13	do	105.77
B/7/14	do	234.02
B/8/68	do	42.98
B/7/85	do	1604.72
B/6/96	do	578.72
B/6/98	do	1964.03
B/6/132	do	886.11
B/7/144	do	1754.12
B/7/244	do	266.97
B/7/225	do	32.35
B/7/267	do	300.93
B/7/270	do	976.81
B/8/322	do	556.37
B/8/323	do	105.77
B/8/324	do	37.21

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L
Enclosures.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 1, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 30th giving the cost of manufacturing coins to be used in replying to the inquiry of Mr. Lawrie. The information contained in this letter is sufficient and you need not trouble to give us any further data relative to dimes, nickels and cents on present conditions.

Thanking you for the trouble you have taken in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

M. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

With return of the enclosed certificate in lieu of Bill of Lading, Will you please advise me as to the material that was shipped.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter left at this office by the agent of the Jonathan Bartley Crucible Co. The agent requests that a trial be made of the crucibles of his firm. Although the letter suggests the purchase of 100 crucibles, the agent was advised that this Bureau was not willing to recommend that favorably to you, and was also informed that the purchase of crucibles was left to your discretion.

It is, however, respectfully suggested that you might be willing to try a small number of these crucibles for the purpose of making a report on the result of the test, if such action is entirely convenient.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 4, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In compliance with the recommendation contained in your letter of October 3rd, you are authorized, for the reasons stated therein, to accept the bid of Miller, Bain, Beyer Co., to supply 10,000 yards of 90" unbleached muslin at 28¾¢, it being understood that the acceptance of this bid will be most advantageous to the Government.

You are also authorized to accept the offer of Miller, Bain, Beyer Co. to supply 3,000 yards of ticking at 60¢ per yard.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

C-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a list of old coins left at the Bureau by Mr. E. M. Talcott.

Will you be kind enough to have the Curator look over this list and note opposite each coin whether or not the coins have any value to Coin Collectors.

I will be obliged if you will return this list at your early convenience.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 8, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

It has been determined to open the Assayers Meeting, which has already been planned, on the morning of October 21st.

Assuming that this date will be convenient for you to have the members meet at your Mint and that your Assayer will be able to adjust the work of his office satisfactorily, I have advised the western offices.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 8, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I enclose 33.87 grams of cornets, for which I would thank you to return an equivalent in proof gold in strips.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 8, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the amounts indicated:-

American Railway Express Company, transportation of pulley to ampere, June 10, 1919 ---------- $.53

American Railway Express Company, transportation of pulleys from Indianapolis, June 13, 1919 ---------- $0.63

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 8, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$ 6,000.
Wages of workmen, ---	60,000.
Contingent expense, -	12,000.
Increased comp., ----	9,000.
Total, ---------	$87,000.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 13, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please forward to the Mint at Denver 15 pairs of One Cent coinage dies as early as convenient.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 14, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I enclose 10 ounces of silver reduced from chloride and scrap parting silver, for which I would thank you to return an equivalent of proof silver in strips.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L
Enclosures.

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October 15, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge with thanks receipt of the strip proof gold sent with your letter of October 13th, in exchange for the 38.87 grams of cornets forwarded with my letter of the 8th instant.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

October 15, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 1 dated July 21, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Assay Office at New York has been examined and the gross value found to be $104,222.75. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Assay Office at New York, gain $230.68.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 17, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to Bill of Lading covering the cost of shipping deposit slips, assayers reports, etc., for September, will you please advise the Bureau why these reports are not sent by mail. It is suggested that if necessary, two package be sent.

If there is some reason for sending them by express, will you please advise the Bureau.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 17, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The Director has instructed me to advise you that the following are expected to be present at the meeting of Assayers to convene at your Mint on Tuesday, October 21st:-

Mr. Geo. Comings, New York Assay Office.
Mr. Frank Wheeler, Denver Mint.
Mr. John Peck, San Francisco Mint.
Mr. Jno. Phillips, Seattle Assay Office.
Mr. H. L. Glenn, " " "
Miss Annie Martin, Carson City Mint.
Dr. F. P. Dewey, Bureau of the Mint.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 17, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Bill of the American Railway Express Company for transportation of motor for bailing machine from Philadelphia to Ann Arbor, Michigan, under date of July 18, 1919, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1920 contingent appropriation in the sum of $18.90.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 18, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of strip proof silver received in exchange for 10 ounces of chloride and scrap silver forwarded from this Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 18, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

As requested in your letter of the 16th inst., value of silver on your invoice covering shipment No. 1 of unparted bullion to the New York Assay Office, has been corrected to valuation of $48,198.14. This will reduce the gain on shipment, as reported to you yesterday, by the sum of ten cents.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 22, 1919.

Dear Mr. Joyce:-

This letter will be presented by Mr. J. P. Dunlop, who is well known to you as the representative of the Geological Survey.

The Bureau is again bespeaking for Mr. Dunlop your usual courtesy and assistance to aid him in accomplishing his work at your institution.

Mr. Dunlop's cooperation in the compilation of statistics on the production of the precious metals is of great assistance to this Bureau, and I hope every facility will be provided him, in order that his work may be accomplished to his satisfaction.

Yours very truly,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Recalled by telephone on advice that coinage would be postponed

October 22, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The Bureau has been advised through the State Department that the Cuban Government has accepted the offer of this office to have the coinage for the Cuban Government made at the Mint in Denver. It will be necessary, therefore, to have that institution supplied with working dies from the master dies you have on hand. The amount of coinage desired is as follows:-

Silver	1,000,000	20-centavo pcs.
	1,000,000	10-centavo pcs.
Nickel	2,000,000	5-centavo pcs.
	5,000,000	1-centavo pcs.

Will you please direct that the necessary dies for making these coins be immediately prepared.

I will appreciate your assistance if you will advise the Bureau to what extent Denver needs special instructions to undertake this coinage. No Cuban coinage has ever been executed at that Mint. Will it be sufficient to send the working dies or will the Denver Mint require further equipment than the working dies.

As the Cuban Government desires to have this part of their order accomplished during the calendar year and little time remains for instructing the Denver Mint, I will appreciate an early reply to this inquiry and your advice as to how much timewill be required to manufacture the working dies.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

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October 22, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 21st inst., will state that notation has been made on your wages payroll for August 1-15, 1919, page 3, that $1.00 will be refunded to your disbursing accounts on account of overpayment to Charles E. Hunt.

Since thepayment and refund occur in different quarters it is thought that notation above mentioned will be all the correction needed and that it will not be necessary to return the roll to your office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

October 23, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 2 dated July 28, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Assay Office at New York. has been examined and the gross value found to be $526,231.70. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Assay Office at New York, gain $501.40.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL

Form 8837

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October 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Responding to your letter of October 22nd relative to forwarding deposit slips, assayer's reports, etc., by express instead of mail, I beg to suggest that all of the institutions of our service forward their reports of bullion accounts and their ordinary accounts in packages weighing less than four pounds by registered mail. May I suggest that this method by employed by you in forwarding the accounts for the next period. If objection is made by the Post Office Department the matter will be taken up by this Bureau.

As the Post Office Department does not decline to receive such packages from San Francisco, Denver and New York, it should not seem fair that they should decline to receive them from you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

October 24, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 3 dated September 10, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Assay Office at New York has been examined and the gross value found to be $219,261.57. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Assay Office at New York, gain $209.31.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Responding to your letter of October 23rd, you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the United States Nickel Company, New Brunswick, N. J., to supply your institution with 25,000 pounds of screened shot nickel at the rate of 38.9¢ per pound, it being understood that this is the lower of two bids received.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your recommendation for the increase in compensation of the electric melters and helpers, I have in accordance with our agreement, approved the same with the understanding that the force would be reduced to the extent of the increases made in the Electric Melting Room.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of October 23rd, in which you refer to our conversation of October 22nd, you are hereby authorized to purchase from the Richards-Wilcox Mfg. Co. of Philadelphia, Over-Way Carrying Equipment for installation in the melting room of your mint, at a cost of $875.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 25, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of October 28th, requesting authority to purchase supplies for a First-Aid Cabinet, I beg to state that the Auditor has disallowed such items in the accounts of the Superintendents of the San Francisco and Denver Mints.

The matter of the disallowance by the Auditor of the San Francisco account has been taken up with the Secretary of the Treasury and as soon as we have a decision you will be advised. Until that time, however, we cannot authorize the purchase of supplies for emergencies to be paid from your Contingent Fund.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 25, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of October 24th, you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the Mesta Machine Company to furnish your Mint with two pairs of chilled iron rolls, 16" x 16", for use in the break-down mills, at the rate of $330.00 per pair, or a total of $660.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 25, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to confirm telephone communication of this day stating that the Cuban Legation had this morning informed the Bureau that owing to having procured a quantity of United States minor coins for circulation in Cuba, it was decided to postpone the order for coinage until the coming calendar year. I have, therefore, to request that you discontinue to work on the dies for that Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 29, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of October 28th, you are hereby authorized to renew your subscription to the Chemical & Metallurgical Engineering Journal, published by the McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., New York City, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, at the publishers' price of $3.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 30, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The Treasurer of the United States has this day been requested to reapportion the minor coinage metal fund and increase the amount consigned to your mint to $280,000.00. This is done for the purpose of assisting you to overtake part of your account now due for minor coinage metal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 31, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The Director instructs me to acknowledge with appreciation receipt of your letter of October 29th, covering the information asked for in his letter of the 24th inst. relative to the number of employees, hours per day, machines operated and the number of shifts in which the men are divided.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 31, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Bill of the American Railway Express Company for transportation of bullion accounts to Washington, Sept. 15, 1919, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of 33¢.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 31, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Bills as below covering transportation of minor coin, are forwarded herewith for payment from the profits on minor coinage in the amounts indicated:-

B/9/77	American Ry. Exp. Co.	$2553.85
B/9/158	do	369.50
B/9/194	do	697.00
B/8/376	do	583.96
B/8/378	do	71.63

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 31, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Your recent requisition for printing and stationery includes an item of ten books, form No. 115A, register of fine gold bars. This form is obsolete and has been discontinued. Please advise me with return of the enclosed form, No. 618, whether this will meet your needs, and if so the number of books needed and size of same needed for ensuing six months.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

November 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please forward to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at San Francisco ten pair of nickel dies; twenty obverse, and thirty reverse one cent dies, for use in his institution, at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

November 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of November 1st, you are authorized to accept the bid of the West Philadelphia House Wrecking Co., who propose to remove the stack in the Deposit Melting Room at a cost of $290.00, it being understood that this is the only bid obtainable after seven contractors had been invited to figure on the work.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

November 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Complying with your request of the 1st inst., memorandum Bill of Lading No. T-316296, has been forwarded to the Asst. Treasurer of the United States at Cincinnati and a duplicate placed in the files of this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

November 4, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 3rd instant you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the Duff & Hopkins Company to supply your Mint with three Semi-Portable Turntables, to carry silver moulds, at a cost of $450.00 plus the freight.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

November 4, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Herewith is being forwarded a memorandum concerning the handling of bullion deposits. Its purpose is to emphasize and explain the need for coordination between the theoretical or legal side of the business and the practical side.

Some of the Mint Service institutions have been shipping their unrefined bullion at book or cost values and others at actual assay values, either method is satisfactory to this office provided there is in use some method of keeping the actual metal balances in reasonably close agreement with the book balances.

Please discontinue transferring bullion, by book entries, between the deposit weigh clerk and the melting and refining department, when the bullion is not physically transferred.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Nov. 4th forwarding a list of old and discarded machinery on hand and recommending the acceptance of the bids of the following named firms:-

L.F.Seyfert's Sons, Inc.
Herman L. Winterer
Henry A. Hitner's Sons Co.

Your recommendations are hereby approved and you are authorized to dispose of the materials enumerated in your letter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Bureau an invoice covering five ounces each of proof gold and proof silver to be forwarded to the United States Assay Office at Boise.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Herewith find your bill against the Division of Loans and Currency of the Secretary's Office for manufacturing die and counters for sealing machines.

With return of the voucher please indicate the amount to be credited your appropriations, naming the appropriations involved.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

November 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$5,000.
Wages of workmen, ----	50,000.
Contingent expense, --	23,000.
Increased compensation	8,000.
Total, --------	$86,000.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Bureau an invoice covering five ounces of proof gold to be forwarded to the United States Mint at Carson.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

November 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to shipment #1 of crude bullion from Philadelphia to New York:- I would thank you to forward your assay record of the following bars:- Coiners #8 and 11, M & R #53, 046, 049, 057 and0151.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 13, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the amounts indicated:-

Pennsylvania Railroad, Eastern Lines, envelopes from Richmond, Va., September 11, 1919, ---------- $ 1.13

American Railway Express Company - liability bonds sent to Washington, August 30, 1919, ---------- $ .33

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 13, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of November 12th, you are authorized to accept the proposal of Lit Bros., Philadelphia, for furnishing new shades for seven windows, two shades to each window, for the windows in the Deposit Weigh Room and in the Bookkeeper's Office of your mint, at a cost of $119.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

November 15, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Herewith find sample of job order card sent to the Government Printing Office, also a proof of the card, evidently printed from a plate different from the one used in making the sample.

Please note that the rulings on the two samples are different and advise me whether it makes any difference as to which plate is used.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 15, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to yours of the 13th regarding the assay record of certain melts in shipment #1 to New York- it would appear from this letter that in every case only a single determination of gold was made on a melt and in every case but one only a single determination of silver was made. I would thank you to state the other cases in this shipment where only one determination of gold was made on a melt and the cases where only one determination of silver was made.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 17, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 15th inst., I am returning herewith for correction Assay Report No. 1296, also Schedule of Unpaid Deposits and sheets 8 and 9 of the Bullion Abstract for the quarter ended Sept. 30, 1919.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.
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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 18, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of Nov. 14th, recommending that the Pyrolectric Co. be allowed to amend their proposal covering the delivery of 4 electric melting furnaces for the Deposit Melting Room, by receiving on completion of the installation of the two smaller furnaces a proportionate amount of the total amount of the contract price or 1/3 of the contract price, I beg to say that I do not think that it would be expedient to authorize this payment or to amend the contract.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O'L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 18, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of Nov. 17th, you are authorized, in accordance with your recommendation, to accept the bid of the Attleboro Refining Company for the Melting and Refining Department sweeps amounting to $5,667.76 and the Coining Department sweeps amounting to $660.34, and that of the Goldsmith Bros. S & R Co., Inc., for the Deposit Melting Room sweeps amounting to $1,850.00, it being understood that these are the highest bids received for the material offered.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 19, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter received this day from the State Department, regarding the proposed coinage for Cuba.

The Bureau has your statment covering the cost of manufacturing 20, 10, 5 and 1 centavo pieces. You will observe that the enclosed letter calls for the manufacture of silver dollars and 40 centavo pieces.

Please amend your estimate as to the charges to be imposed and the amount of metals required to cover this order, returning the enclosed letter with your reply.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 19, 1919.

Mr. Wharton Barker,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Responding to your request of November 16th, I am enclosing the letter of Mr. Paul J. Fox, which was sent to the Secretary of the Treasury with your letter of November 13th.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 20, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please forward to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at San Francisco, the following dies and collars, for use in his institution:-

30 pairs one cent dies.
20 pairs five cent dies.
10 one cent collars for large ring.
10 five cent collars for large ring.

Respectfully,

A. M. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 21, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to yours of the 19th regarding assays in shipment #1 to New York:- If you still have them I would thank you to forward your samples of #057 and if they have been destroyed I would thank you to state their character, whether granulations, chips or drills.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 21, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In connection with the information furnished under date of October 29th, relating to employees, work performed, etc., I would be pleased to receive the following additional information as of October 31, 1919.

The number of officers, clerks and employees in each department and division of your mint, with their compensation and designation, as shown by the accompanying sample form.

What I desire is, for example, say the Coining Room - The number of men employed therein, their compensation and designation, the actual work they do as weighers, counters, selectors, pressmen, etc., the number of machines in use and the number of men actually in attendance of each particular class of machines, separating those working upon silver from those working upon minor coinage metals. The same applies to all division of this department.

The Melting & Refining Department, according to your letter of October 29th, has 88 men employed - 34 in melting minor coinage metal, with 2 electric furnaces; 24 men with 4 gas furnaces on some kind of metal; and 13 in melting silver with 3 gas furnaces,- with 6 men on the melting room scales, making 77 men. What duties are assigned to the other 11 men? These should appear under their proper designation and the same information furnished, as far as practicable, as required of the coining and other departments.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAN-RL

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 21, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of November 14th, enclosing a voucher in the sum of $50.00 in favor of the Electrical Bureau, City of Philadelphia, covering police signal service rendered from January 1st to July 1st, 1919,-for the purpose of completing this statement before it is forwarded to the Auditor will you please forward a copy of the authority covering this service.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 22, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I enclose 17.15 ounces of silver reduced from chloride, for which I would thank you to return an equivalent of proof silver in strips.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L
Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 22, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter received from Dr. Kunz of Tiffany & Company, with the request that you will advise this office if it is possible or practicable for you to prepare the discs described by Dr. Kunz, and if so, the cost of the same.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

November 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of the enclosed bill of Hamilton and Hansell, Inc., in the sum of $430.00, from the San Francisco Mint with request for information as to whether it may be paid from their 1919 contingent appropriation.

With return of this bill please advise me when the materials were ordered and the form of agreement applicable; also, if quotation was received on this material, please enclose same.

Respectfully,

M. McO'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

November 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Will you please forward to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at San Francisco 15 pairs of One Cent coinage dies, for use in his institution.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

November 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Will you kindly cause to be prepared and forwarded to this office, an invoice covering 50 ounces of proof gold for use in the Assay Department of the United States Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

M W O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

November 25, 1919.

Supt., U.S.MINT, Philadelphia, Pa.
do do San Francisco, Cal.
do do Denver, Colorado.
do U.S.A.O., New York, N.Y.
Assayer in Charge, U.S.A.O., Seattle, Wash.

Sir:-

Please forward, so as to reach Washington as early in December as practicable, the usual estimate of gold and silver bullion receipts during the calendar year 1919, consisting of actual figures for eleven months plus an estimate for December.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Your requisition for stationery supplies has been received.

It is necessary that samples of manila and linen tags, and envelopes desired, should be forwarded with your requisition, otherwise the Printing and Stationery Division will be unable to fill your order.

Official letter heads should not be entered on your stationery requisition, but should accompany your requisition for printing of forms.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 25, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Please cause to be prepared for use in the United States Mint at Denver, the following coinage dies for 1920:-

	Obverse	Reverse
Half Dollar	20	10
Quarter Dollar	20	10
Dime	20	10
Nickel	20	10
Cent	20	10

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 26, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Voucher recently received for payment from your 1919 Contingent Appropriation in favor of Crocker, Wheeler Co., in the sum of $2,520.00, bore indication of reference to voucher No. 968 as place where the accepted quotations might be found. On reference to voucher No. 968 I find that it carries notation that the proposal and acceptance are filed "with this voucher", but the voucher is unaccompanied by any papers whatever.

Will you kindly forward necessary quotation, as the Auditor cannot make payment to Crocker, Wheeler Company until same is received.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 26, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of November 25th, relative to premium on the bond of Mr. William Baker, formerly of your Mint, will you please forward the premium to this office without stamp, and the matter will be adjusted here, with the company if necessary.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 26, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to shipment #2 of crude bullion to New York, I would thank you to forward your assay record of the following mass-melts, 1st lot #1, 3, 6, 8, 9, last lot #2,3 and to add the individual record of each melt showing the weight and fineness and the calculated fine oz. of each bar going into each melt together with the total fine ounces going into each melt.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 28, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Will you kindly refer to my letter of Nov. 22nd, making inquiry in regard to a voucher of $50.00, in favor of the Electrical Bureau, City of Philadelphia, for police signal service, and advise me in regard to the same as soon as it is convenient, in order that this voucher may take its place with your accounts going to the Auditor.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

December 1, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith telegram received from the Equitable Trust Company. Please forward to the Bureau at your earliest convenience the information necessary to reply to the Trust company.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
C-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

December 1, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I would thank you to forward your assay records of bars 264 and 1189 and all the mass-melts in shipment #3 of crude bullion from Philadelphia to New York.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Dec. 2, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 1st, you are hereby authorized to accept the bid of the United States Nickel Company to furnish your mint with 25,000 pounds of screened shot nickel for use in minor coinage, at the rate of $0.399 per pound.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

December 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

You are hereby authorized to purchase from the Riverside Metal Company, Riverside, N. J., 5,000 pound of bronze metal strips to be used in the manufacture of medals, it being understood that this company provides metal most advantageous to the Government for use in the manufacture of medals, the rate being 46 3/4¢ per pound.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

December 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your statement of U.S. coin received (Form 474A) during September quarter, 1919, I notice there is reported, as received from the Treasury, $50.00 in silver three-cent pieces.

Should not this amount be classed as Half dimes - as it does not represent an exact number of three cent pieces.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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AAH-RL

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

December 4, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of December 3rd, you are authorized to accept the bid of the Philadelphia Boiler Works, in the sum of $784.00, covering the cost of replacing the brick chimney, which is being removed from the Deposit Melting Room in order to make space for the installation of electric furnaces with a steel stack 24" in diameter; payment to be made from your Contingent Appropriation as a part of the cost of installing new electric furnaces.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

G-L

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OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

December 4, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 4 dated Nov. 4, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Assay Office at New York has been examined and the gross value found to be $152,831.16. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Assay Office at New York, gain $42.28.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Form 8837

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December 4, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Herewith I am enclosing schedule of gold bars exchanged for gold coin for the month of September, 1919, as it apparently lacks one item to make up the totals indicated.

Also find enclosed July voucher No. 945 in favor of the Atlantic Refining Company, lacking the signature to certificate that the articles had been received, etc.

August voucher No. 958, in favor of the Pyrolectric Instrument Company, is unsupported, as to the last two items, by accepted quotations. Apparently there is an additional page to the firm's letter of April 18, 1919, which should have accompanied the voucher. Only the first page of such letter is found.

August voucher No. 55 is unsupported by gas meter readings. Please forward same.

September vouchers Nos. 124 and 125 bear indication of a new contract having been entered into with the Philadelphia Electric Company under date of June 20, 1919. No information is found in this office concerning such contract. Will you kindly forward the original for filing in the Auditor's office.

On payroll for the first half of July, page 9, Gustav A. Reiss Jr., Helper at $3.75 per diem, is credited with 6 days pay and paid $28.12. Computation for 6 days gives $22.50, and as there is no marginal notation covering overtime, Mr. Reiss is apparently overpaid for 1½ days - $5.62.

On same payroll, page 14, George W. Harvey, Temporary Helper at $3.75, is credited on margin with 3-6/8 days extra time, there also being a notation of one day without pay. The computation covers 3-4/8 days extra time, giving an apparent shortpayment for 1/4 day - 94¢.

On payroll for first half of September, page 2, B.A.Winters, Assistant Foreman of Machine Shop, is apparently overcredited with one days increased compensation, 76¢, which was paid in September on voucher No.24.

Vouchers Nos. 62, 63, 64, 65, 67, 6 and 7, covering purchases of minor coinage metal, do not carry indication as to method of shipment. Such information is necessary in order to verify the prices paid, as there was a difference of one cent per pound on metal shipped by freight and express. Please advise me as to this.

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Voucher No. 10, in favor of N. Trotter & Company for tin, is unaccompanied by accepted proposal, although voucher bears indication that it was filed with the voucher.

Please forward voucher covering the silver received in trust from the Venezuela Government.

Please give these matters early attention with return of the enclosures.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.
M

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

December 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to confirm telephone communication requesting you to forward to the Mint at Denver ten pairs of one cent dies as early as possible, and to expedite the unfilled order for fifteen pairs of one cent dies, ordered by the Denver Mint November 16th.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

OR

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

December 6, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Bills as below covering transportation of minor coin, are forwarded herewith for payment from the profits on minor coinage in the amounts indicated:-

B/9/162	American Ry. Express Co.	$1250.44
B/7/228	do	1765.41
B/8/193	do	648.47
B/8/209	do	719.65
B/6/198	do	194.60
B/7/265	do	80.26
B/10/60	do	183.21
B/10/62	do	209.06
B/10/61	do	103.12
B/5/406	do	27.80
B/6/197	do	139.00
B/9/104	do	3372.21
B/8/69	do	1315.16

Respectfully,

N. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Enclosure.

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December 6, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Bill of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Eastern Lines, for transportation of grinding machinery from Beloit, Wisconsin, July 23, 1919, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $17.64.

Also bill of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Eastern Lines, for transportation of rifles from Springfield, Mass. to Washington, Feb. 6, 1919, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the sum of $4.08. This lot of rifles was sent to Washington by mistake, and is the same lot later forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 8, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to yours of the 5th transmitting assay records of redeposits in shipment #3:- The silver determinations on mass-melt #2 are given as 333½, 335, 329, 334½. I would thank you to verify these figures and if found correct to state why the silver was reported at 335 as appears on the shipping memorandum.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

December 8, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I beg to confirm telephone communication of last Saturday, authorizing you to purchase tags until a supply of the same is received from here.

Respectfully,

N. McKelly

Actg Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

December 9, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Herewith I am returning recommendation for the discontinuance of service of Mr. George Hayden.

The Civil Service Commission requires that charges in writing shall be presented to Mr. Hayden and that he be given a reasonable time to make reply. Will you kindly withhold your recommendation until this formality has been observed.

A copy of your letter to Mr. Hayden and his reply to you should accompany your recommendation for dismissal.

I beg to call your attention to the fact that Mr. Hayden is to be given, what is considered a reasonable time, to answer your letter. In similar cases a period of three days has been deemed sufficient.

I would suggest that you make sure that he receives your letter, even if it should be necessary to register the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L
Enclosure.

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December 9, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$ 6,000.
Wages of workmen, ---	60,000.
Contingent expense, -	22,000.
Increased comp., ----	9,000.
Total, --------	$97,000.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

December 9, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of December 8th, you are authorized to accept the bid of the Fairmount Supply & Equipment Company to furnish your mint with one machine for bending sheet iron, cost to be $350.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

December 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Bills as below covering transportation of minor coin, are forwarded herewith for payment from the profits on minor coinage, in the amounts indicated:-

B/10/238	American Ry. Exp. Co.	$1693.01
B/10/247	do	2445.43

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-1

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

December 10, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 5 dated November 11, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Assay Office at New York has been examined and the gross value found to be $183,096.98. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Assay Office at New York, loss $12.79.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL

Form 8837

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

December 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Inquiry has been made at the Auditor's office for information concerning the contract for electric current now being supplied your institution, but from the information obtained I am unable to verify the standby charge carried on your vouchers of $1.50 per month per k.w. Will you kindly advise me how this rate is determined.

I am also unable to verify the penalty charge of $968. carried on November voucher No. 290. Please advise me how this charge is determined.

Future vouchers should carry sufficient information to enable verification of unit charge as well as the charge on each item.

Search among the vouchers pertaining to your accounts for the September quarter fails to disclose assay report or schedule covering the silver bullion received in trust for the Venzuela Government. Will you kindly advise me what kind of voucher was furnished, with suggestion as to where it probably is filed.

Quotations requested by the Bureau on November 26th, covering Crocker, Wheeler voucher No. 968, September, have not as yet been received.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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December 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

On the 21st of last month I addressed a letter to you in which I asked for information regarding the employees; their duties, work performed, etc., etc.

Will it be convenient for you to forward the statement referred to within the next ten days?

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

December 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I enclose two samples of crude bullion and would thank you to have your assayer treat them as he would deposit samples, reporting the results to this office and stating the figures at which the bullion would be reported for purchase.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

December 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to yours of the 6th regarding mass-melts: Owing to the crowded condition at the Philadelphia mint just now the calculation of the gains and losses on the individual melts may be postponed. I would say, however, that an individual melt might show a loss instead of a division of the total gains for the month.

I would also thank you to supply the assay records of the following numbers in shipment #2, #332, 4385, 4731, 5190, 2nd lot mass-melts #2, 3.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

December 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Herewith find bill of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Eastern Lines, No. 519-1495, in the sum of $15.26.

With return of the above mentioned bill please advise me whether the cost of transportation of the graph plugs, $11.34, is payable by the Government; also please advise me whether Government Bill of Lading was issued on this shipment. If Government Bill of Lading was not issued on this item, the commercial Bill of Lading should be furnished to cover the charges.

As to the second item, said to have been shipped on Government Bill of Lading 217391, blank certificate of shipment is forwarded herewith and should be completed to support the charge.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
F-L

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December 13, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a box of old silver left at the Bureau by Mrs. Breckinridge Long, 2629-16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Will you kindly send the value of the same directly to Mrs. Long.

Respectfully,

R. J. Bacher

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

December 13, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to yours of the 11th regarding mass-melt #2: It would seem that more assays were called for if there was doubt about three out of a total of four determinations.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

December 13, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of December 12th, you are authorized to accept the proposal of the Fairmount Supply & Equipment Company, in the sum of $112.00, to furnish one machine for punching holes in heavy sheet iron. It is understood that this is the only proposal received and covers the one best suited for the purpose for which it is intended.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

December 16, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I enclose two samples of crude bullion and would thank you to have your Assayer treat them as he would deposit samples, reporting the results to this office and stating the figures at which the bullion would be reported for purchase.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
E-1

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

December 17, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of December 13th, you are hereby authorized to purchase from the American Iron Scale Company one platform scale 60 x 48 inches, type 1417, the same as the two scales now in place in your mint, to be installed in the make-up room of the Melting and Refining Department, in the sum of $497.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

December 19, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

You are hereby authorized to purchase from the Metal & Thermit Corporation, New York, N. Y., one thousand pounds of standard pure, carbonfree manganese, in hickory nut size, at $1.00 per pound. It is understood that this manganese is manufactured only by this one concern and that no bids are obtainable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

December 20, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Again referring to the matter of verification of charges on vouchers in favor of the Philadelphia Electric Company for current consumed, I have to advise that the original of your contract with that company was secured from the Auditor's Office and notation made of the terms of the contract.

The only difficulty with the verification of the vouchers now in the office is that on voucher for October the number of kws. in excess of 10% of the maximum demand on which the penalty of $2.75 per kw. applies is not stated. Please advise me as to the number of kws. envolved, and notation will be made on the voucher. It will not be necessary that meter readings and all other information required for determining the number of kws. on which the penalty applies be provided.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

December 20, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the amounts indicated:-

American Railway Express Company - accounts forwarded to the Bureau October 16, 1919, ---------- 32¢

Pennsylvania Railroad, Eastern Lines, armature from East Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 10, 1919, ---------- $5.97

American Railway Express Company - addressograph plates from Chicago, Illinois, September 26, 1919, ---------- 86¢

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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December 19, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to yours of the 17th regarding assay records in shipment #2: It would appear that the gold and silver assays had been reversed in some cases and I would thank you to verify this statement or to forward a corrected one.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

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Dec. 23, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In response to your request of the 20th inst. there are being forwarded under separate cover two copies of form 996 "Classification of objects of expenditure with reference to symbols." These are the only copies available and I trust will meet your imperative needs.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 29, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Siamese Legation has asked this office to request from you a receipt for the payment of the last shipment of the Siamese Coin. Will you please forward to the Legation the receipt requested, or a copy if the original was sent by you previously. It is possible that the original receipt may have been lost in the mail.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

WASHINGTON, December 29, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 6, dated December 2, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States assay office at New York City, has been examined and the gross value found to be $211,569.92. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the assay office at New York City. Gain $134.09.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

AAH.

Form 8837

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December 29, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 18th:- These samples were both from the same melt, as was indicated by their being marked A & B, and I would thank you to state how your assayer would report the melt on all the results he obtained.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

FPD.

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January 2, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

I am in receipt of copy of the letter of the Auditor for the Treasury Department, dated December 31, 1918, forwarded you concerning disallowance of 45¢ on Western Union Telegraph Company voucher #55, March last.

The Auditor's failure to allow as an offset of overcharge on one telegram the amount short-charged on another telegram, appears to me to be wrong in principle and while the amount is small, I desire to appeal to the Comptroller of the Treasury from the action of the Auditor.

The regulations provide that correspondence with the Auditor's Office be carried on through the Bureau in order that we may be informed as to such transactions. Please forward copy of your letter to the Auditor, dated December 21, 1918, and if deposit has not been made of the 20¢ in question, please leave the matter stand as it is for the present.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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—6738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Night message.

Washington,
January 3, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Authorized to invite bids minor coinage metals.

Submit synopsis to Bureau before acceptance.

Baker
Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT; APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—5738
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2125.

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2—6785

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

January 3, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

No reply received letter December third concerning September quarter accounts. Please expedite.

Baker

Director

Cont Ex Mint Bureau 1919

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

2—5738

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 1155.

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January 9, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries.....	$ 3,000
Wages of workmen.....	25,000
Increased compensation.....	2,000
Contingent expense.....	10,000

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

January 11, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Herewith find press copy of the letter addressed to the Selby Smelting & Lead Co. concerning matter of payments for marine insurance, which letter is self-explanatory.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

January 15, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Please wire Bureau each day that Treasury dollars are received and at the close of business Wednesday and Saturday telegraph statement showing unmelted balance Treasury dollars on hand.

Baker

Director

CIAL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont Ex Mint Bu 1919
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
1—5783
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

January 15, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of January 2nd relative to shipment of gold by the Secretary of State for India consigned to the Assistnat Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco, the Secretary's office informs this Bureau that 60 further boxes containing 125,000 American Twenty Dollar gold pieces were shipped by the P. and O. steamer "Dunera" which left Bombay on January 10th for San Francisco. Please treat this gold in the manner indicated in letter of the Bureau of January 2nd.

Respectfully,

W. McFadden

Acting Director of the Mint.

O.L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

January 24, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the amounts indicated:-

Southern Pacific Railroad - transportation of clay crucibles from Denver, Oct. 24, 1918 ---------- $28.49

American Railway Express Company - transportation of coinage dies from Philadelphia, August 21, 1918 --------- $3.25

American Railway Express Company - transportation of coinage dies from Philadelphia, August 14, 1918 --------- $4.35

American Railway Express Company - transportation of dies from Philadelphia, Sept. 9th, 11th and 13th, 1918 --- $17.58

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

January 24, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Bill of Wells Fargo & Co. Express for transportation of platinum, etc., from your institution to the Assay Office at New York on June 28, 1918, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your 1918 contingent appropriation in the sum of $102.66.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

January 25, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

By certificate of deposit #9183 dated January 2nd 1919, there has been placed to your credit and the credit of the appropriations indicated below, the sum of $9,540, on account of cost of manufacturing Philippine coin:

Wages of Workmen, Mint at San Francisco, 1919	$6,360
Contingent expense, Mint at San Francisco 1919	3,180
Total	$9,540

There has also been placed to your credit by certificate of deposit #9433 dated January 7, 1919, the sum of $4,320, on account of cost of manufacturing Philippine coin. The appropriations have been credited in the following amounts:

Wages of workmen, Mint at San Francisco 1919	$2,880
Contingent expense, Mint at San Francisco 1919	1,440
Total	$4,320

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F.L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

January 27, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint has reported that the approximate cost of 100 pairs asbestos covered mitts, for which he has received an order from you, will be $260.00. This amount has been set up as an encumbrance against your contingent appropriation for 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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January 27, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

I enclose eight samples of fine gold, and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample, reporting the results, together with the proof figures, to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L
Encl.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

January 29, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Can you not keep your coining department employed on Philippine coinage and domestic minor coin and discontinue for the time coinage of domestic silver. Treasury needs increased stock bronze coins.

Baker

Director

Cont Ex Mint Bu 1919

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM

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January 30, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

In your report on crude bullion of the 13th the approximate gold on #4 is given as 169.9 and 171.2 and on #7 as 171.9 and 172.5. I would thank you to verify these figures.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-41

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

February 4, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Referring your estimate silver dollars for export twenty second Bureau now in receipt instructions from Secretarys office silver must be delivered on shipboard February seventeenth Bureau will need weights not later than February fifteenth wire revised estimate number dollars on receipt hereof.

Baker

Director

AL BUSINESS.
ERNMENT RATES.
HARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont Ex Mint Bu 1919
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2125.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

February 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

There has been placed to your credit and to the credit of the following appropriations by CD-9644, dated January 10, 1919, the sum of $22,703.71 on account of costs of manufacturing Philippine coin:-

Wages of workmen, Mint at San Francisco 1919	$15,135.81
Contingent expense, Mint at San Francisco 1919	7,567.90
	$22,703.71

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

No. 4

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

February 5, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

In reference to your statement of deposits of foreign bullion and coin Form 637, for the quarter ended December 31, 1918, I notice you report thereon 99.89 fine ounces of silver contained in Hawaiian coin. These figures should have been reported separately as heretofore on Form 474-A in the same manner as deposits of United States coin, which please forward as early as convenient.

I have changed your deposit statement Form 61, as follows:

Foreign silver coin from 219,521.44 to 219,421.55 fine ounces and inserted under domestic coin "Hawaiian coin 99.89 fine ounces silver".

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

February 6, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

I enclose 4 ounces of silver reduced from chloride to balance the laboratory account for Philippine special assay coins to December 31, 1918, being 19 deliveries of 10 centavos and 11 deliveries of 20 centavos.

Respectfully,

F. Norfleet

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
D-L

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February 7, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries,	$ 5,000
Wages of workmen,	20,000
Increased compensation,	2,000

Respectfully,

W. McAdoo
Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

February 6, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Please refer to your report on Carson shipment #135, bars #103 and 104. It appears that Carson reported higher gold fineness on bar #104, while your report gives the higher fineness on bar #103.

Please check these assays if practicable and advise me if the finenesses may possibly have been reversed.

The Carson Mint has been requested to check their assays and report the results.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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February 10, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 5th inst. concerning refund of $85.60 on account of Marine Insurance paid on shipments of copper, it is requested that the entire amount be deposited with the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco for credit to your "Minor Coinage Metal Fund Depository Account" and that it be offset as a "refund on account of disallowed marine insurance on copper" in the account "Minor Coinage Metal - Bronze", or nickel, as appropriate.

The adjustments in the accounts in question should, of course, be included in your daily reports to the Treasurer.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

February 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Referring to the telegram sent you this day stating that 10,000,000 dollars are to be forwarded from the Mint at New Orleans to your Mint for melting, I beg to enclose herewith a copy of the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury authorizing this transaction.

As you will see from the enclosed copy, the dollars are to be melted and eventually sold for export. The actual delivery of the coins to the express company will not begin until probably late in the coming week.

This letter is being sent to you in anticipation of the arrival of the coins in order that you may make provisions to receive them at the Mint. It is hoped that we will be able to ship about two car loads a day amounting to between 1200 and 1300 bags.

As soon as the movement of the coin from New Orleans begins, the Bureau will wire you.

Respectfully,

W. Mollitor,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE. Washington, February 12, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

In granting sick leave be governed by our Mint regulations.

Baker
Director.

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FICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—5733
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

February 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

The following items pertaining to your accounts for the quarter ended December 31, 1918, are brough to attention.

Assay reports covering November deposit #2185 (2 bars) by A. Adorer carry indication of bar charges totaling 40¢, which were not collected, no explanation being given.

November voucher #15 in favor of Herring-Hall-Marvin Safe Co. for repairs to safe in the sum of $7.50, is not properly chargeable to your appropriation but to the Supervising Architect's appropriation for "Vaults and Safes for Public Buildings". In future such vouchers should be forwarded to the Supervising Architect for payment. Recommendation will be made to the Auditor for transfer settlement in this instance, to debit the Architect's appropriation and credit yours.

November voucher #29 in favor of the Spring Valley Water Co. carries charges at new rates. Please forward the water company's schedule, in duplicate, supporting these new rates.

October voucher #30 for $32.10 and December voucher #37 for $54.05, in favor of Thompson Bros. for hauling from depot to mint, should carry fuller details as to materials and quantities hauled; and such should be the practice in future on similar vouchers.

December voucher #40, telegrams, was supported by the enclosed skeleton telegram. Please forward the original in lieu of this skeleton.

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On payroll for the last half of November W. F. Lange was paid for 17-5/8 days, the marginal note indicating 3-5/8 days extra in this 13 day period. This gives an apparent overpayment of 1 day,- $6.18.

On payroll for the first half of December W. M. Sullivan is paid for 16¼ days, the marginal note indicating 2¼ days extra time in this 12 day period. This gives an apparent overcharge of 2 days at $5.50 - $11.00.

On payroll for the first half of December Joseph Holz is paid for 13½ days, the marginal notation indicating 1¼ days overtime. This gives an apparent overpayment of 87¢ for one quarter day.

Prompt reply giving information necessary to clear these items is requested in order that there may be no delinquency in forwarding the accounts to the Auditor's office.

Respectfully,

M. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

February 13, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:-

Please advise me as to the weight of the silver dollars received from the Treasury for melting during the quarters ended September 30th and December 31, 1918, for insertion on Form 61, under the heading "Re-deposits (transfers) - domestic coin from Treasury and Sub-Treasury."

Please carry such coin under the heading indicated on Form 61 rendered for future quarters.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

February 13, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

I enclose eight samples of fine gold, and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample, reporting the results, together with the proof figures, to this office and returning the balence of the samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

M. W. McCarthy

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
D-L

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TIELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN: NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

February 17, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Calif.
" " " " Denver, Colorado.

Assay Commission adjourned reporting coins received from your mint calendar year nineteen eighteen up to standard weight and fineness.

Baker

Director

BUSINESS.
RNMENT RATES.
ARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bu. 1919.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington, February 18, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Referring letter twelfth confer with Chief Engineer Hamilton Hansell now in San Francisco regarding installation your Mint electric furnace now in Philadelphia Mint.

Baker
Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

IAL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM

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February 21, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

I enclose .4 oz. 750 silver to complete the Philippine special assay coins to 12/31/18.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Director of the Mint.

D-L
Encl.

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February 21, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 15th inst. concerning amount of $33.42 due Crocker Wheeler Co. on your order #1070, I beg to advise that Treasury Warrant #24051 covering same was issued on February 8, 1919 and mailed to the company on February 18, 1919.

If they do not receive the warrant in due time, inquiry should be made of the Treasurer of the United States making reference to the data herewith given.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

February 21, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith copy of American Railway Express receipt which accompanied your letter to this office, dated February 1, 1919, in response to letter of this office dated December 14, 1918. This copy of receipt will not properly support the voucher of the American Smelters Securities Company, since it is made out in name of the mint, and in view of the attitude of the Auditor's Office in the matter of reimbursing an intermediate party for services rendered, it is very advisable that the orginal receipt be furnished rather than a copy.

If a signed receipt can be obtained showing that the money was paid to the Express Company by the Smelter Company, to support the voucher before the Auditor, it will have a much better chance of being passed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

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February 26, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Bill of the Southern Pacific Railroad for transportation of clay muffles from Denver, November 22, 1918, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $2.30.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 1, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

With reference to letter of this office dated February 13th, and your reply thereto, will state that inasmuch as it is not practical to obtain the weight of the silver dollars received from the Treasury during the September and December, 1918, quarters, the direction for carrying same on Form 61 for future quarters may be disregarded and the matter will be cared for in this office.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 1, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Please furnish this Bureau with a statement showing the value of fine gold bars issued in exchange for gold coin and gold bullion by months, during the calendar year 1918, similar to the tables published on page 66 in my report of last year.

Respectfully,

M. McKelly

Retiring Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

March 1, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the amounts indicated:-

American Railway Express Co., Philippine coinage dies from Philadelphia, July 18th and 20th ----- $11.23

American Railway Express Co., one box earthenware from San Francisco to Wheeling, West Virginia in July last ---------- 82¢

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

March 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Bills of the Philadelphia Mint have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your contingent appropriation in the amounts indicated:-

Coin collars ordered by you August 1, 1918, chargeable to your 1919 appropriation in the sum of ----------	$176.23
and belts for reviewing machines, ordered Nov. 7, 1918, ----------	5.87
	$182.10

Fire and asbestos mitts, ordered May 15, 1918, chargeable to your 1918 appropriation in the sum of ---------- $404.44

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

March 4, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 26th you are authorized to offer for sale and to sell to the highest bidder, one lot of approximately five tons of scrap iron.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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2-5733

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

March 10, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Promotions recommended telegram

March eight approved.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR --
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2125.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

March 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$ 3,000
Wages of workmen, -------	10,000
Contingent expense, -----	10,000
Increased compensation,-	2,000

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,
March 11, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Authorized to release silver for export fifteenth.

Baker

Director.

FICIAL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Client Per Mint Bureau 1919
2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2129

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

March 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

I enclose eight samples of fine gold and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample, reporting the results, together with the proof figures, to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L
Encl.

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March 13, 1919.

Dear Mr. Shanahan:

I am enclosing herewith a letter addressed to Mr. Wagor which I will thank you to deliver to him.

I am taking this opportunity to thank you again for sparing Mr. Wagor to me for this service. His work was most satisfactory, and I very much appreciate the assistance he has rendered me in connection with the investigation of conditions at the Denver Mint refinery.

With personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. T.W.H. Shanahan,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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March 13, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

There has been placed to your credit and to the credit of the appropriations indicated below, by C/D No. 3371, dated March 6, 1919, the sum of $1,260.00 on account of charges for manufacture of 42,000 pesos in 10-centavo pieces, shipped January 4th to the Philippine Islands:-

Wages of workmen, Mint at San Francisco 1919, ----------	$840
Contingent expense, Mint at San Francisco 1919, ------	420
Total ----------	$1260

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

E-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

March 15, 1919.

Dear Mr. Wager:

Your report of February 11th, covering your work in the refinery of the Denver Mint, reached me in due course, and I have gone carefully into it.

Upon the strength of your report I have had the Superintendent of the Denver Mint come to Washington for conference with me. The conclusion was reached that it was necessary to make radical changes in the personnel of the refinery, and I hope that the adjustment to be brought about will effect the improvement we are looking for in general conditions at Denver.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the very efficient assistance you have rendered me, and of the manner in which you dealt with a situation at best rather difficult, and calling for tact and consideration, while keeping in view the interest of the service.

With personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Mr. E. J. Wager,
Superintendent
Melting & Refining Department,
U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

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March 15, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

With reference to letter of this office dated Oct. 4, 1918, you are advised that bill of the Southern Pacific Railroad for transportation of fire brick from Denver, has been settled by the Auditor - settlement #72807, dated March 14, 1919, in the sum of $1.82.40, there being a disallowance of $27.59 on account of erroneous rates.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-L

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March 19, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Herewith find bill of Wells Fargo & Co. Express for transportation of minor coin payable from your profits on minor coinage in the sum of $636.00.

Bill of the American Railway Express Company is also enclosed covering transportation of minor coin payable in the sum of $96.00.

Respectfully,

M McRoelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encls.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,
March 28, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Appointment Forster temporary watchman approved.

O'Reilly
Acting Director

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.
2—5738

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March 27, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

With reference to letter of this office dated January 2, 1919, concerning disallowance by the Auditor under date of Dec. 10, 1918 of an item of 45¢ on your March 1918 voucher #55 in favor of the Western Union Telegraph Company, I beg to enclose herewith copy of the decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury dated March 19, 1919.

It appears from the Comptroller's examination of the voucher paid by the Treasury Department Disbursing Clerk and the corresponding voucher paid by you, that two messages filed by you as charge messages (to be paid locally) were sent by the Telegraph Company as "collect" messages and were thus twice paid for, once at each end of the line. This appears to have been due to the action of the company's San Francisco agent in sending the messages "collect" instead of as directed. It is therefore requested that you take up with the local representative of the company the question of refund of the sum of $1.04, the cost of these two messages paid by the Treasury Disbursing Clerk. When collected, please forward to this office with explanation, and the amount will be deposited to the credit of the Treasury Department disbursing clerk.

It is understood that the 25¢ deposited by you under date of June 17, 1918, by CD #420, covering a part of the cost of these two messages, will be declared by the Auditor as a balance due you under your 1918 contingent appropriation. Please request of the Auditor, through this office, refund of this sum to you, in order that the accounts may be cleared.

In order that the Bureau may have a definite working rule it is requested that no messages be sent to the Bureau "collect" in future, but that all messages be paid for locally.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
F-L

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March 29, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

With reference to letter of this office dated January 18, 1919, concerning cost reports, and your replies thereto, the following is brought to attention:-

The Philadelphia Mint reports the following amendments to the 1918 cost report:

	Melted	Average cost per thousand.
Number deposits	6,451	$1,907.87
Gross ounces	2,1057,899.52	5.93
Fine ounces gold	1281,464.391)	7.20
Fine ounces silver	1,4127,384.49)	
Average number of assays per deposit - - - - - - - -		7.87

This average number of assays appears to have been determined by eliminating from calculation the number of deposits not melted, but not eliminating the number of assays on such deposits.

For assay purposes the general practice appears to be to take two to four samples of each deposit, counting each proof required, including preliminary assays when made. Probably the low averages at some institutions were due principally to large receipts of fine silver, upon which fewer assays are required than upon ordinary deposits. By combining the deposits and redeposits the average assays per deposit are reduced at New York from 9 to 7½ and increased at Denver from 3 to 3½, as compared with the figures given in Bureau letter of January 18th.

The Denver Mint reports that the average cost for assaying was correctly stated in the cost report as being $0.255; the Bureau computer overlooked the silver assays (separately stated in the report of the Denver Mint only) in making computation. If the gold and silver items were combined in the column "Number" under the head of statistics they would be more readily comparable with the same items reported by the other institutions.

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Copy of amended cost report of the San Francisco Mint is enclosed, amendments having been made affecting item 2 of the 2nd division and item 5 of the 5th division.

In making approximate reconciliation of cost report figures with appropriation figures the cost of the "increased compensation" of employees should be charged in the same manner as other appropriation costs. This is mentioned for the reason that the increased compensation was not included in the figures accompanying Bureau letter of January 18th. The inclusion of such figures would have had the effect of increasing the difference between the money costs and the cost report figures.

New York and Denver are including the salaries of the Heads of Departments, assistants and clerks under the expenses of those departments rather than under administration, and for uniformity it is requested that you follow the same procedure. It is expected that Philadelphia will also do this.

Relative to the question of reconciliation, and the figures accompanying your reply to Bureau letter of January 18th, it should be noted that the Bureau requested only an approximate reconciliation, and that request was made for inserting such items as were necessary to its accomplishment. These items would be, in part, additions, and in part memoranda analysing the approximate differences between operating and appropriation figures.

Increase of stores (inventory) would be an additional item under division 1 of the cost report, while a reduction of stores, as compared with prior year, would necessitate a memorandum to that effect, though not a deduction from costs. Other items would require similar treatment.

It is the purpose, in preparing the Directors Annual Report, to include under the appropriation expenditures all actual disbursements, plus unpaid encumbrances so far as known.

If these items are given proper consideration and treatment they should not make impractical the approximate reconciliation contemplated. The difference between the Bureau's published figures for your 1918 Contingent appropriation and the figures shown by you represents adjustments on encumbrances after the Bureau's report went to press, less several bills included in Bureau's annual report but not included in the $2,732.44 Auditor's settlements mentioned by you; in one instance an extraordinarily large addition of about 50% of the order, or $3,165.24, was required on a crucible order, your number 9824. It is understood, of course, that encumbrances set up are expected to approximate the amounts of the final charges.

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It is understood that each lot of bullion which requires an assay report is counted as a deposit, the aggregate of which constitutes the "number of deposits" reported; is this the practice at your institution and if not will this definition be satisfactory for your future practice?

Please accept my thanks for the very full explanation of your procedure in compiling cost data.

Respectfully,

M. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 1, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Bills of the Southern Pacific Railroad, as below, have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sums indicated:-

Transportation of metal working machinery from Knoxsville, Tenn., in September last -- $96.47.

Transportation of stationery, etc., from Washington in November last - $18.02.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN;

NIGHT MESSAGE Washington, April 2, 1919.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Authorized to retain typewriter.

Baker
Director.

Contingent Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

2—5733 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2133.

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April 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$ 5,000
Wages of workmen, -----	15,000
Contingent expense, ---	10,000
Increased compensation	1,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

April 8, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco,
California.

Sir:-

I enclose eight samples of fine gold and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample, reporting the results, together with the proof figures, to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

F. A. Baker

Director of the Mint.

D-L
Encl.

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April 9, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

I enclose two very dirty granulation samples of fine gold and would thank you to have duplicate-assays for gold made on each sample, taking the metal as it comes without any attempt to clean the sample or to cut out the cleaner portions for the assay.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

April 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received this day from the Office of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to gold shipments for the Secretary of State for India and assigned to the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco.

Please treat this gold in the manner indicated in my letter of January 2nd.

Respectfully,

W. M. Paul

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

April 17, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Authorized to ~~accept~~ purchase minor coinage metals lowest bids.

O'Reilly

Acting Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR.....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128
2-4738

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April 17, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co. for transportation of coinage dies from Philadelphia Dec. 12, 1918, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the sum of $24.13.

Respectfully,

F. E. McKelly

Acting Director Mint.

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April 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Responding to your request of April 18th, you are authorized to invite bids and to award to the lowest bidder contract for extending the intake pipe of the air compressors, it being understood that the cost of this improvement will not exceed $100.00.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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April 24, 1913.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Herewith I am forwarding bills for transportation of minor coin, payable from profits on minor coinage as indicated below:-

A-11-270	Wells Fargo & Co. Express	$194.00
A-12-84	" " " " "	176.00
A-12-83	American Railway Express Co.	2230.00
A-12-85	" " " "	262.50
A-12-95	" " " "	132.00
A-12-146	" " " "	139.75
A-12-151	" " " "	141.00

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encls.
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April 28, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of April 10th, requesting that this Bureau obtain bids on graphite goods, I beg to enclose herewith the proposals received. It is suggested that the bid of J.H. Gautier & Company and the Joseph Dixon Crucible Company, being so close, you may prefer to recommend award on the merits of the goods based on your experience with the different makes.

The Jonathan Bartley Crucible Company advised the Bureau that specimens of their "Victory" crucibles had been forwarded to you for trial. Have you any recommendations to offer in regard to these crucibles, in case you have had time to experiment with them?

If, after reviewing the enclosed proposals, you will wire your recommendation to the Bureau, the order will be placed immediately.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
O-L

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April 30, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Herewith find deposit certificate #4003, pertaining to your bullion account for the March quarter, lacking the signature of the Superintendent.

Please forward copy of authority for purchase of carpet per January voucher #42 in favor of D.N. & E.Walter & Company, in amount $76.50.

Please advise of the capacity in which Clarence E. Lewis signs for the Standard Glove Works on February voucher #42.

March voucher #6 in favor of Charles Brown & Sons, $18.55, carries indication of methods of purchase 3 and c, and 4 and c. Please explain exigency which would not permit competition.

With reference to March voucher #49 in favor of Bartley Crucible Company, it is noted that this purchase was authorized by the Director of the Mint. I am unable to locate any quotations received on these crucibles or other information concerning the matter, unless Bureau's telegram of December 11, 1918, replying to yours of same date, authorizing purchase of 100 No. 150 Bartley crucibles of new formula, is the authorization referred to. Please forward such information as will enable the verification of the prices charged as well as information concerning the method of purchase of both items.

On payroll for first half of January, C.H.Long, Helper at $3.50 per diem, is credited with 17-3/8 days time but the amount paid is apparently figured at 17-2/8 days, making an apparent under-payment of 43¢ for 1/8 of a day. Please advise me as to this.

James Bell, Temporary Helper at $3.50 per diem, is credited during the month of January for pay for 6-1/2 days, and the Absence and Efficiency report carries indication that he was absent without pay for 21-1/2 days, giving an apparent discrepancy of one days time. Explanation is requested.

Early reply with return of voucher is requested.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

May 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows,

Salaries, ----------	$3,000.
Wages, ----------	25,000.
Contingent expense, -------	10,000.
Increased compensation, ---	2,000.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

May 13, 1919.

Honorable T.W.H.Shanahan,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Shanahan:

As you are aware, the Act of April 23, 1918, known as the Pittman Act, authorized the Department to utilize standard silver dollars lying unused in the Treasury for conversion into bullion for export, and for other purposes. The Act was passed to meet an emergency condition brought about by the war.

The work of melting enough dollars to produce 200,000,000 ounces of fine silver was divided between your Mint, the Mint at Philadelphia and the New York Assay Office.

Notwithstanding the enormous pressure upon the Mints for coinage, and the heavy increase of business at the New York Assay Office, the additional work of melting this large number of silver dollars was vigorously rushed through in the short period of one year.

When you finished melting on the 10th instant you closed up the work for the present.

I cannot witness the conclusion of this undertaking without expressing to you, and through you to the men of your Mint, my personal appreciation of the efficiency with which this laborious work has been done. Men whom circumstances prevented from taking more conspicuous part in the work of the war surely rendered service in as honorable places as those in more apparent peril when they worked to the utmost of their physical endurance to accomplish the task set for this Department in order to serve the allied countries to whom the obtaining of silver was vital at the time.

I have not lost sight of the fact, also, that you and your officers worked under disadvantage in being so remote from the source of instructions, but you have comprehended what was wanted, and cooperated with this Bureau in such an intelligent manner, that a word of recognition is also due in regard to this phase of the work.

I congratulate you upon the work you have finished, and I congratulate the Department upon having available an institution so thoroughly in sympathy with its best interests as the San Francisco Mint.

Very sincerely yours,

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May 14, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

In your report of assays of crude bullion of the 7th the A gold on #6 is given as 291.3. I would thank you to verify this figure. I would also thank you to add the amount of lead used in the gold assays in this case and also in the high grade gold assays of the same date.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
May 15, 1919.

Superintendent,
Mint San Francisco.

Authorized invite bids for minor coinage metals. Wire Bureau synopsis. Bureau inviting bids here to be opened Saturday morning.

Baker

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
8-6738
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2133.

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May 15, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Herewith find bill of the American Railway Express Company, No. 1-12-110 in amount $130.00, for transportation of minor coin to Cincinnati, payable from your profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

May 16, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Arrange to operate coining Department Sunday to increase output cents. Demand very urgent.

Baker
Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

FICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
2—5783

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
May 17, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Authorized to accept lowest bids received by you for minor coinage metals.

Baker

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—5738
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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May 23, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the amounts indicated:

Mint at Philadelphia - mitts furnished on your order No. 149, dated Oct. 9, 1918 - $158.29; and dime collars furnished on order of this office dated Dec. 17, 1918 ---------- $66.54

American Railway Express Company - transportation of coinage dies from Philadelphia, Dec. 16, 1918, July 16, 1918, Dec. 18, 1918 and Jan. 6, 1919 ---------- 23.69

American Railway Express Company - transportation of coinage dies from Philadelphia, Feb. 3, 1919 ---------- $7.53

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 23, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Replying to your request of May 17th, you are authorized to invite bids and purchase from the lowest bidder a carpet and a clock for one of the offices in your institution, it being understood that you have sufficient balance in your contingent fund for 1919 to permit these purchases to be made.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

May 27, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Bills as below for transportation of minor coin are forwarded herewith for payment from your profits on minor coinage:-.

B-1-90	American Ry. Exp. Co.	$97.00
B-1-75	" " " "	1538.98
B-1-49	" " " "	1002.00
B-1-44	" " " "	125.25

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encls.
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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

May 27, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

There has been placed to your credit by CD#7031 dated May 5, 1919, the sum of $5,304.00 on account of the manufacture of Philippine coin, shipped to Manila on March 14, 1919. The amount has been placed to the credit of your appropriations as follows:-

Wages of workmen, Mint at San Francisco 1919	$3,536.00
Contingent expense, Mint at San Francisco 1919	1,768.00
Total	$5,304.00

There has also been placed to your credit by CD#7032 dated May 5, 1919, the sum of $14,785.90, on account of manufacture of Philippine coin shipped to Manila on April 4, 1919. This amount has been placed to the credit of your appropriations as follows:-

Wages of workmen, Mint at San Francisco 1919	$9,857.27
Contingent expense, Mint at San Francisco 1919	4,928.63
Total	$14,785.90

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

May 27, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Herewith I am returning the enclosures which accompanied your letter of May 22, 1919, concerning bill for pattern makers lathe received from the Oliver Machine Company.

Separate bills should be furnished, one for the machine at the contract price and another for the transportation costs. The latter bill should be supported by all information that would have been available had the government bill of lading been used, also by receipt of the transportation company covering payment for its charges. The bill for transportation will be forwarded by this office to the Auditor for the Treasury Department for direct settlement in such amount as would have been due had the machine been shipped on government bill of lading as directed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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May 28, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Herewith I am forwarding your bill in favor of the Ferry Sheet Metal Works in the sum of $510.00, for signature of the Superintendent and return.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

May 29, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

With reference to your report of the 23rd inst. on light weight gold coin received on transfer order No. 58310 from the Asst. Treasurer at San Francisco, in amount $1,500.00, it is noted that the transfer value, recoinage value and fine ounces, seem to indicate that the coin was not actually light weight. Please advise me as to this, also whether the quantity of bullion produced by melting this coin is sufficient to recoin the same face value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

May 29, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

I beg to advise you that June 10th is the date upon which it has been decided to begin the Annual Settlement at the Mint In San Francisco. I trust this date will be agreeable to you and you can adjust your operations accordingly.

Mr. Chaffin of the Mint at Philadelphia is to be Chairman of your Committee. Mr. Hill of Helena and Mr. Schauwecker of New York are to assist him.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

June 4, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco,

Appointment Donnelly recommended telegram fourth approved.

Baker

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2-5799

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2199.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Bills of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway for transportation of articles indicated below, have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the amounts indicated:-

Air compressor and parts - from Lynn, Mass. in February last --------- $289.21

Brick linings for assay furnace from Elizabeth, N. J., in March last- $ 21.97

Lapping machine from Providence, R.I. in March last ---------- $ 28.92

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 11, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$1,500.
Wages of workmen, --------	15,000.
Contingent expense, ------	20,000.
Increased compensation, --	500.
Total ----------	$37,000.

Respectfully,

W. M. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 13, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Bill of the American Railway Express Company for transportation of minor coin is forwarded herewith for payment from the profits on minor coinage in the sum of $138.50.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 13, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Bill of the American Railway Express Co. for transportation of asbestos mitts from Philadelphia, February 20, 1919, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $5.77.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

June 18, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

There has been placed to your credit by C/D No. 9014 dated May 31, 1919, the sum of $11,816.72, on account of manufacture of Philippine coin, shipped to Manilla on May 3, 1919. The amount has been placed to the credit of your appropriations as follows:-

Wages of workmen, Mint at San Francisco 1919 ----------	$7,877.82
Contingent expense, Mint at San Francisco 1919 -------	3,938.90
Total ----------	$11,816.72

Respectfully,

Th. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 21, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Confirming telegram of the 20th inst., I am enclosing herewith a copy of letter received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia relative to charges for shipping electric furnace together with the letter of Hamilton & Hansell.

The Director, who is now on his way to San Francisco, intended to confer with you when he reached San Francisco in regard to the installation of the furnace.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encls.
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2—5738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

June 23, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Increased compensation Donnelly approved effective June fifth.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OK.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Genl. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.
2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.

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2—5735

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,
June 23, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Authorized to purchase subject condition contingent appropriation Universal Angle Plate at approximate cost of ninety one dollars sixty cents.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

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W. McReilly

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
2—5738

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June 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Will you kindly prepare and forward your report covering the operations of your institution during the fiscal year 1919 at as early a date in July as practicable. This is necessary because the Secretary of the Treasury requires information concerning our operations shortly after the close of the year.

The report should be in duplicate and I would appreciate a short description of all outstanding features of the year's operations, special reference being made to adopted improvements or new features which may be of general or service interest. New features should be explained somewhat in detail.

Statistical data classified as shown on pages 17 to 33 inclusive of annual report for the fiscal year 1917-18, should be forwarded for the fiscal year 1918-19, unless same are fully stated in regular quarterly or yearly reports, which reports should be forwarded as soon as practicable. If errors have occurred in quarterly reports so that their aggregation will not produce correct yearly totals, such information as will effect reconciliation should be furnished.

Melting and Refining Department and Coining Department operations should be reported on the new forms, forwarded the 2nd instant.

If part of the data will not be available until later than July, please do not delay forwarding the remainder of the report.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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2—5738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
June 26, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Authorized to purchase from lowest bidder turbine boiler flue cleaner cost not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

Cont. Ex., Mint Bureau 1919.

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2—5738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 26, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Authorized to expend not to exceed twenty five hundred dollars nineteen nineteen contingent to cover cost acquisition transportation ~~and~~ installation electric furnace.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
2—5738
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
June 26, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Am I to understand that Philadelphia is to order electric furnace linings for you. Wire answer today.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

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Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2-5723
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2120.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
June 27, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Authorized purchase four small rugs approximate cost seventy dollars.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

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Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

FFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
2—5738

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
June 27, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Superintendent Philadelphia will order linings. Cost of packing furnace and hauling to station Philadelphia two hundred thirty five dollars seventy five cents being in addition to items already enumerated to you.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

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FICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
2—5703

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2—5738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

June 27, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Checks deposited in Treasury today for May account amounting to three thousand six hundred sixty dollars and May account amounting to two thousand eight hundred twenty six dollars six cents.

O'Reilly

Acting Director.

OR.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

2—5738 DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 30, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Hempen placed your credit. Stop. Treasurer wire you today.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

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RNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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A—5758

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 1, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Please render whatever assistance you can to Assistant Treasurer in weighing circulated gold coin being paid out by him.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

Cent. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
A—5758
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

A—5758

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 1, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Recommendations telegram thirtieth approved.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

Cent. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
A—5758
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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2—5738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 2, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Recommendations telegrams first approved.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OR.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—5738
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 212a.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 3, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Recommendations telegram second approved.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—5736 DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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2—5738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

July 5, 1919.

Superintendment Mint,
San Francisco.

Appointments telegram third approved.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OR.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—5738

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.

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9—5788

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

July 7, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Appointment Flint approved.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
9—5788

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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2—6738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
July 8, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Authorized to invite bids on minor coinage metals and forward synopsis.

O'Reilly
Acting Director

JR.

Cont. Exp. Mint Bureau 1920.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.
2—5733

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2—6738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,
July 8 , 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Recommendations telegram seventh approved.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OR

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—6733
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2154

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

July 9, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have your letter of June 17th, replying to mine of the 5th concerning the obtaining of the true sources of production of bullion, and note that your depositors pay but little attention to the form requests for information, only a small percentage of the requests for information sent out being returned.

The general opinion of the service appears to be that these forms are fairly effective and I beg to request that you refer to Bureau's letter of October 21, 1916, and advise me as to the steps taken to secure return of your requests with the information desired.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,
July 9, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Appointment Brady approved.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2129.

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July 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$ 7,000.
Wages of workmen, ----	50,000.
Increased compensation,	10,000.
Contingent expense, --	5,000.
Total, --------	$72,000.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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2—5738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 11, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Authorized to accept lowest bid on minor coinage metals and wire synopsis to Bureau.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

2—5732

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July 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Bill of the Philadelphia Mint for 100 pairs asbestos covered mitts ordered January 9, 1919, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the sum of $203.92.

Respectfully,

M. McLeod

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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2—6738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

July 14, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Recommendations increased compensation

your letter fifth approved.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
2—6738
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

July 16, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Appointments recommended telegram fifteenth approved.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OR

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
2—5738
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,
July 17, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Increased compensation recommended July second, seventh, eight, ninth, approved.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2--5798
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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July 23, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Bills of the American Railway Express Co. for transportation, as indicated below, have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation:-

Asbestos mitts from Philadelphia,
March 19, 1919 ---------- $5.32

Asbestos mitts from Philadelphia,
March 3, 1919 ----------$10.59

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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2—5735

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

July 25, 1919.

Superintendent,
Mint San Francisco.

No efficiency reports for the months April, May, June, appear to have been received. Please forward immediately.

Baker

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—5723
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.

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2—5735

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

July 25, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Please proceed to divide coinage between cents and nickels.

Baker

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

2—5733

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July 25, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

I beg to confirm telegraph of this date:-

"No efficiency reports for the months April, May, June, appear to have been received. Please forward immediately."

The report of Absence & Efficiency should be forwarded to the Bureau as shortly after the close of the month as possible.

The records are required in this office in connection with the checking of the payrolls and should be forwarded as promptly as practicable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

JL

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2—5708

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

July 26, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Appointments recommended twenty fifth approved.

Baker

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

2—6708

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2—5738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,
July 28, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Appointment Gunning approved.

Baker

Director

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Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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2—5738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

July 26, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Increased compensation recommended seventeenth approved.

Baker

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

2—5738

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

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July 28, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$ 5,000.
Wages of workmen, --	40,000.
Contingent expense,-	10,000.
Total, -------	$55,000.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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2—5733

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE. Washington, July 29, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Appointment Connors approved.

Baker

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—6738 DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122.

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2—5738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
July 30, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Promotions recommended telegram twenty ninth approved.

Baker

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122.

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July 30, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith bonds for the following employees:-

William J. Toner
Thomas Caveney
Frank J. Healy

These bonds should have been renewed in 1918. If for any reason you do not wish the employees bonded please return these bonds and advise me; otherwise please instruct them to execute the bonds and return them to you for transmission to this Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
July 31, 1919.

Superintendent,
Mint San Francisco.

Adjustment wage fund outlined telegram thirtieth approved.

O'Reilly
Acting Director

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Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT; APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
2—5738

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 1, 1912.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Bill No. B/5/238 of the American Railway Express Company in the sum of $2268.50, is forwarded herewith for payment from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 4, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

The Bureau has today forwarded blank forms to be used in submitting estimates. It is deemed expedient for you in making the estimates to take into consideration the fact that your earnings, formerly available from Philippine coinage, will be curtailed during the fiscal year 1921 and that it will be necessary for you to have this in mind in compiling your estimates for wages and contingent funds.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

2-5738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,
August 6, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Increased compensation recommended twenty sixth ultimo approved.

Baker

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
2—5738

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 6, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

May I again refer to the question of securing accurate information as to production source of deposits and say that I trust the impression gained from your letter of July 25th, that nothing more is done if your requests are ignored, is a mistaken one.

It is desirable that the production records be made as accurate as practicable and it is believed that tactful correspondence will, in most instances, produce results. In the probably few obstinate cases that will arise, the method suggested in Bureau letter of October 21, 1918, of delaying returns once or twice until the depositor makes inquiry and informing him in reply that it is due to his failure to give production source, will tend to make him more willing to cooperate.

Will you kindly give this matter your further attention.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 6, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

There has been placed to your credit by C/D No. 12344, dated July 16, 1919, the sum of $3,660.00, on account of manufacture of Philippine coinage. This amount has been placed to the credit of your appropriations as follows:-

1919	
Wages of workmen, ------	$2,440.
Contingent expense, ----	1,220.
Total, ----------	$3,660.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 6, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of July 30th, in reference to providing additional horizontal lines on Form 42 - memorandum of bullion deposits, I beg to advise you that a requisition has been made on the Public Printer for a supply of forms modified in accordance with your request and as soon as printed they will be forwarded to your institution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 8, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Herewith I am returning deposit certificate No. 4140 and May public voucher No. 55, pertaining to your accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1919, for signature of the Superintendent.

With reference to May voucher No. 23, in favor of the General Electric Company for electric lamps, it is noted that the voucher calls for clear mazda lamps of 60, 40 and 200 watts. There is no indication as to the voltage on which these lamps is to be used, but judging by the prices charged the lamps were designed for 220 to 250 volts. The price charged on the second item - the 40 watt lamps - is the price scheduled for frosted lamps instead of clear, which seems to indicate that there is an overcharge of $1.80 on this item. Please indicate on future vouchers for lamps purchased under the General Supply Schedule the item numbers and voltage of the lamps as well as the watts, in order that the prices charged may be verified.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

NIGHT MESSAGE. August 11, 1919.

erintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Increased compensati.on Simon and those recommended

ly twenty-eighth and thirtieth approved.

O'Reilly

Acting Director.

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BUSINESS.
MENT RATES.
THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2120.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 11, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Bill of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your contingent appropriation as indicated:

Transportation of fire brick from Denver June 29, 1917, charged to your 1917 appropriation - $79.91.

Transportation of fire brick from Denver January 10, 1918, charged to your 1918 appropriation - $193.30.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 13, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of August 6th enclosing premiums receipts issued by the Southern Surety Company on bonds of employees of your Mint.

The required revenue stamps, which were not placed on the receipts, have been supplied by this Bureau in these cases. Will you, however, remind the members of your force that the stamps should be affixed in accordance with law.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Aug. 14, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Will you kindly forward itemized statement of expenses during the fiscal year 1919 in distribution of minor coin - see page 22 of annual report for 1918.

May I expect to receive at an early date a report on the outstanding features of the past year's operations, also the improvements made, etc.? Would like to have such made a matter of permanent record in the printed report for the fiscal year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

August 20, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 14th instant you are hereby authorized to enter into contract with the Western Foundry Company to supply your Mint with the following castings for the fiscal year 1920:-

Plain castings ---------- .07 per lb.

Moulds, cored and
machine castings --------- .08 per lb.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Aug. 21, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith find bills of the American Railway Express Co. for transportation of minor coin, payable from the profits on minor coinage in the sums indicated:

No.	B/6/79	$2,701.80
	B/6/77	1,460.20
	B/5/371	1,865.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Aug. 22, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th inst. will state that the matter of Owl Drug Co. vouchers, $6.45 and $1.65, disallowed by the Auditor, is being taken up with the proper officers with a view to having these vouchers allowed from an appropriation under the jurisdiction of the U. S. Employees Compensation Commission. Future vouchers for similar supplies should be submitted to that Commission for settlement. The Commission is located in Washington.

It is expected that the disallowance of $7.50 for repairs to safe will be taken care of in the next settlement by the Auditor for the Treasury Department, the Architect's appropriation coming under the jurisdiction of that Auditor, while the Compensation Commission's accounts are under the jurisdiction of one of the other Auditors.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 22, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I enclose No.10 Philippine coin scrap to balance the Philippine special assay coin account to June 30, 1919.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

OR.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE.

Washington, August 23, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Reinstatement Klopfer Flint approved.

Baker

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

FICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
2—5733

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

September 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Will you kindly advise me as to the data for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1919, necessary for preparation of table which may be seen on pages 28 and 29 of last year's annual report, as to fineness of bar melts for fine bars.

Will you also please advise me whether the Coining Department's sweeps are not worked in the Sweeps Cellar. It is noted that they are not included in the report of sweeps cellar operations.

With reference to form No. 9000., Melting and Refining Department Operation and Settlement Statement, you are advised for future guidance that the item "amount operated upon" is intended to be used for the amount of metal actually operated upon rather than for the total of items which precede it. Will you kindly advise me as to the amounts actually operated upon during the fiscal year just closed.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

September 6, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Authority appoint temporary helper granted.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

FICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.
2-0753

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Sept. 9, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of September 3rd you are authorized to purchase from the lowest bidder one mahogany typewriter desk, for use in the Superintendent's office. It is understood that the cost of this desk will be approximately $55.00.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Sept. 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the amounts indicated:-

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad - transportation of electric furnaces from Philadelphia, June 30, 1919 --- $444.22

American Railway Express Company - transportation of coinage dies from Philadelphia, Nov. 18, 1918, ------- $ 2.59

American Railway Express Company - transportation of coinage dies from Philadelphia, May 27th and June 13, 1919, ---------- $ 7.13
and transportation of coinage dies from Philadelphia, May 2, 1919, ---- $ 5.52

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 15, 1919.

Dear Mr. Shanahan:

This letter will be presented by Mr. Jose Maria Mejia J., a Colombian graduate from the National Mining School, Medellin, Colombia.

The Colombian Government, through its duly accredited representative at this capital, has requested that Mr. Mejia be permitted to follow a course of study at the San Francisco Mint. This Bureau has taken pleasure in acceding to the request.

Will you please place at the disposal of Mr. Mejia every facility for observing the methods employed by your Mint in the refining of metals, the details of coinage processes, and operations in every department which will afford him useful information.

Your courtesy in extending to Mr. Mejia every opportunity to observe the practical workings of the United States

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Mint, to the full extent of his desires, will be appreciated by this Bureau.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By W. P. A. Kelly
Acting Director.

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Sept. 15, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

I enclose 4 samples representing a melt of fine gold I would thank you to make duplicate assays for gold on 3 of them and a single assay on the 4th, which is small, but all that remains and report the results to this office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
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Sept. 16, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Under date of June 24th and again on August 14th, request was made for report concerning any special features or improvements pertaining to the operations of your office during the past fiscal year. To date no reply has been received concerning same. May I not receive such report at an early date?

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 22, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

I enclose eight samples of fine gold and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample, reporting the results, together with the proof figures, to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L
Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

September 25, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Herewith find your statement of assets and liabilities for the month of August, for amendment as to the location in ounces of gold and silver on hand.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

September 26, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Bills as below covering transportation of minor coin, are forwarded herewith for payment from the profits on minor coinage in the amounts indicated:-

B/7/16	American	Ry.	Exp.	Co.	$2,268.00
B/8/65	"	"	"	"	2,004.00
B/7/32	"	"	"	"	1,002.00
B/7/83	"	"	"	"	1,002.00
B/6/99	"	"	"	"	749.00
B/6/135	"	"	"	"	602.50
B/7/234	"	"	"	"	1,498.00

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Sept. 27, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

This office does not appear to have received from you the Report of Absence and Efficiency for the month of August. If such report has been forwarded will you please supply us with a copy.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 29, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Bills as below covering transportation of minor coin, are forwarded herewith for payment from the profits on minor coinage in the amounts indicated:-

B/8/192	American Ry. Exp. Co.	$ 496.00
B/8/194	do	1791.50
B/8/325	do	1522.00
B/8/326	do	992.00

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reid

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Enclosures

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 2, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ---------	$5,000.
Contingent expense,	5,000.
Increased comp., --	2,000.
Total, ------	$12,000.

Respectfully,

M. Reid,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 7, 1919.

Dear Mr. Shanahan:-

I am returning herewith your letter of September 30th, enclosing the premium on your bond as Superintendent. I regret to be obliged to return this for the reason that the premium receipt will require a stamp of one cent for each dollar premium paid.

May I refer you to our letter of September 10th, containing an article covering the attaching of internal revenue stamps to premiums paid on personal bonds.

The cost of the revenue stamp to be attached to this premium is a charge which should be borne by the bonding company and not by you personally; otherwise the Bureau would attach the same here and advise you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. T.W.H.Shanahan,
Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Enclosure.
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

October 8, 1919.

Supt. U.S.Mint, San Francisco, Calif.
" " " " Denver, Colorado.
Assayer in Charge, U.S.A.O., Seattle, Wash.

Desire to have Assayers meeting take place Philadelphia morning October twenty first. Please be governed accordingly.

Baker

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.
-6738

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 8, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the amounts indicated:-

Southern Pacific Railroad, transportation of stationery, etc., June 18, 1919, ---------- $9.24

American Ry. Express Company, transportation of dies from Philadelphia, June 14, 1919, ----$6.29

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 9, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith request for transportation to be used by the member of your force, who is to represent your institution at the meeting of the Assayers to take place in the Mint at Philadelphia on the morning of October 21st. Will you please deliver the same to the person who is to use the orders.

I am also enclosing a copy of the Travel Regulations. Please direct that the Assayer read them carefully and observe the same. This is important otherwise confusion will arise in the settlement of the accounts.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

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October 15, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

In forwarding your monthly statement of statistics showing coinage operations, will you please note the number of hours the Coining Department of your mint was operated daily, in order that comparison of the output made by the other mints may be more satisfactory.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 17, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1920 contingent appropriation, in the amounts indicated:-

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R.R., transportation of envelopes from Rockville, Conn. July 17th and 22nd, 1919, ---------- $7.96

American Railway Express Company, transportation of coin collars, Aug. 2, 1919; dies Aug. 2, 1919 and dies Aug. 7, 1919, from Phila., --- 10.00

American Railway Express Company, transportation of press copy books from Washington, D.C., July 9, 1919 - 2.00

American Railway Express Company, transportation of coin collars July 2, 1919; dies July 2, 1919 and dies July 3, 1919, as well as electric instruments July 7, 1919, from Phila., ---- 18.08

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 20, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Herewith I am returning schedule of payrolls and vouchers for the month of September, received this day, but not completed as to payments for salaries and wages. Kindly return, after completion, at an early date.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure
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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Oct, 21, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in the sum of $5,000., chargeable to the appropriation for "Increased compensation, Treasury Department 1920".

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 31, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Bills of the American Railway Express Company for transportation of coinage dies from Philadelphia,- July 31, 1919, have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $2.40.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 426

October 31, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Bills as below covering transportation of minor coin, are forwarded herewith for payment from the profits on minor coinage in the amounts indicated:-

B/9/79	American Ry. Exp. Co.	$ 651.30
B/9/160	do	501.00
B/9/161	do	2204.40
B/8/379	do	792.00

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$5,000.
Wages of workmen, ---	10,000.
Contingent expense, -	5,000.
Increased comp., ----	2,000.
Total, ------	$22,000.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 13, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Bill of the American Railway Express Company for transportation of coinage dies from Philadelphia, August 25, 1919, August 27, 1919 and August 29, 1919, and for transportation of brass bushings from Bound Brook, New Jersey, August 26, 1919, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $0.26.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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2—5738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,
Nov. 18, 1919.

Superintendent,
Mint San Francisco.

Appointment Weinholz approved.

Baker
Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR _____
2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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Nov. 21, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

In connection with the information furnished under date of November 4th, relating to employees, work performed, etc., I would be please to receive the following additional information as of October 31, 1919.

The number of officers, clerks and employees in each department and division of your mint, with their compensation and designation, as shown by the accompanying sample form.

In the Coining Department it is shown by your letter that 14 men are employed in the rolling room upon minor coinage metal. In this room or division there are 5 rolls, 5 cutting presses and 1 shears. Please indicate the number of men assigned to each particular group of machines. The same detailed information is desired of the other divisions or sections of the Coining Department and also of all the other departments of your Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL
Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

Nov. 21, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Bill of the American Railway Express Company, No. B/10/167, for transportation of canvas mitts and coinage dies from Philadelphia on Sept. 19, 23 and 25th and Oct. 3, 1919, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $15.77.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 21, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

With return of the enclosed voucher in favor of the Link Belt Company for $55.97, please indicate on both face and back, the form of agreement in making this purchase. The small letter "c" apparently belongs in the space with the figure "4", as indication of reason for lack of advertising.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
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Nov. 28, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

With reference to your accounts for the quarted ended Sept. 30, 1919, will you kindly make explanation of the refund in August of $115.53, on account of purchase of tin for the Minor Coinage Metal Fund.

July voucher No. 35 in favor of Pacific Gas & Electric Co., carries a charge of $100.00 for repairing gas meter. Since gas meters are ordinarily owned by the company supplying the service, explanation should be made as to why the Government, instead of the company, is chargeable with the cost of repairs in this case.

September voucher No. 2, in favor of Baker, Hamilton & Pacific Company, carries indication of receipt of the first few items under date of July 7th. As the request for quotations was not made until July 31st, explanation is requested of the discrepancy.

Please explain the exigencies which required purchase without competition on vouchers No. 10, Dunhan, Carrigan & Hayden Co., No. 13, W.T.Garratt & Co. and No. 20, Johnson Gear Co.

On payroll for the last half of July, Thomas Carroll, Melter at $4.50 per diem, is credited with increased compensation for 6 days as $4.20, an apparent short credit of 40¢.

Many of the representations carried in the accounts of the figure "naught" apparently were made hurridly, as it was necessary to make computations and close them at the top before one could be sure as to just what they were intended to represent.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 28, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

The following is an excerpt from a letter dated November 22nd, received from the Mint at Carson:-

"There is a difference of opinion in the office regarding the melting charge on unretorted amalgam, the chief clerk maintaining that one dollars is sufficient unless the loss be over 60%, while the assistant assayer insists that the charge should be two dollars. Please send your opinion upon the subject."

Will you please cause instructions to be sent directly to Carson as to the directions followed by your mint in handling such deposits, as this Bureau is without sufficient information to give satsifactory instructions to the Carson Mint.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 426

December 4, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith letter received from the Insular Bureau, War Department, requesting coinage for the Philippines of 25,000 pesos in one-centavos.

This letter will be authority for you to proceed with the preparation of these coins at your earliest convenience. Of course, the Bureau will be glad to have you expedite the execution of this order, but it should not be done at the expense of our own coinage output until after the holidays.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
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December 4, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

I beg to confirm telegram advising you that we had accepted from Clendenin Bros. 50,000 pounds of electrolytic copper at the rate of 15½¢ per pound.

This purchase was made because of advice received at this Bureau that owing to the shortage of coal some of the Western Smelters were canceling orders.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint,

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December 6, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Bills as below covering transportation of minor coin, are forwarded herewith for payment from the profits on minor coinage in the amounts indicated:-

B/10/67	American Ry. Exp. Co.	$548.60
B/10/68	American Ry. Exp. Co.	276.00

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 6, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Bill of the Southern Pacific Railroad for transportation of Mr. Pack to Philadelphia and return in October last, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $163.02.

Bill of Hamilton & Hansell, Inc., for furnace lining for the electric furnaces, in the sum of $430.00, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 8, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$5,000.
Wages of workmen, ------	25,000.
Contingent expense, ---	5,000.
Increased comp., ------	10,000.
Total, ----------	$45,000.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

Bills as below covering transportation of minor coin, are forwarded herewith for payment from the profits on minor coinage, in the amounts indicated:-

B/10/235	American Ry. Exp. Co.	$498.50
B/10/236	do	778.50

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 16, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

By decision dated Dec. 12, 1919, the Comptroller of the Treasury has reversed the action of the Auditor in disallowing certain sums paid by you under the appropriation Increase of Compensation for the fiscal year 1919. The amount of $5.31, disallowed on certificate No. 10937, dated Oct. 31, 1919, for the period January to March, has been allowed by the Comptroller in toto, and the amount will probably disappear from the next certificate of settlement receivedby you.

With regard to the amount of $12.02 disallowed on certificate No. 10670, dated June 18, 1919, for the period July to September 1918, you are advised that of this amount $9.66 has now been allowed by the Comptroller. You will probably receive, in due time, a warrant in your favor for this sum.

Concerning the vouchers in favor of the Owl Drug Co., for gauze for influenza masks, you are advised that this office is still endeavoring to have the amount allowed from an appropriation which it is understood is available therefor.

Concerning the voucher in favor of the Owl Drug Co. in the sum of $4.82, forwarded with your letter of Oct. 7, 1919, you are advised this is being held until the other matter is disposed of. In the meantime will you kindly advise me if purchases have been made in the past for "First Aid Kit", and if so please give me a copy of any authority you may have had for purchase of same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 17, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 8th enclosing copies of correspondence from the Bureau of Standards and John Pack, Assayer of your Mint, relative to an investigation which Mr. Pack has proposed to the Bureau of Standards. Will you please have sent to the Bureau a copy of the letter sent by Mr. Pack to the Bureau of Standards under date of November 20th.

In connection with this correspondence I beg to state that it is unusual for a member of a force of one of the Mints to address a Bureau in Washington upon official business otherwise than through the Bureau of the Mint. I have no objection to this investigation being made, but plead the propriety of having such request made upon another Department in Washington through the Director of the Mint. If this formality is observed the Bureau will be in position to answer inquiries in regard to the matter and not be embarrased by want of knowledge of matters proceeding between its own institution and another department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 20, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

I would thank you to forward your samples and complete assay records of all the bars in shipment

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the amounts indicated:-

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

Southern Pacific Railroad - printed tags from Washington, July 14, 1919, ---------- $20.12

American Railway Express Company - canvas and asbestos mitts from Philadelphia, October 8, 1919, ---------- $17.13

American Railway Express Company - coinage dies from Philadelphia, Nov. 6th and Nov. 8, 1919, ---------- $8.03

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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